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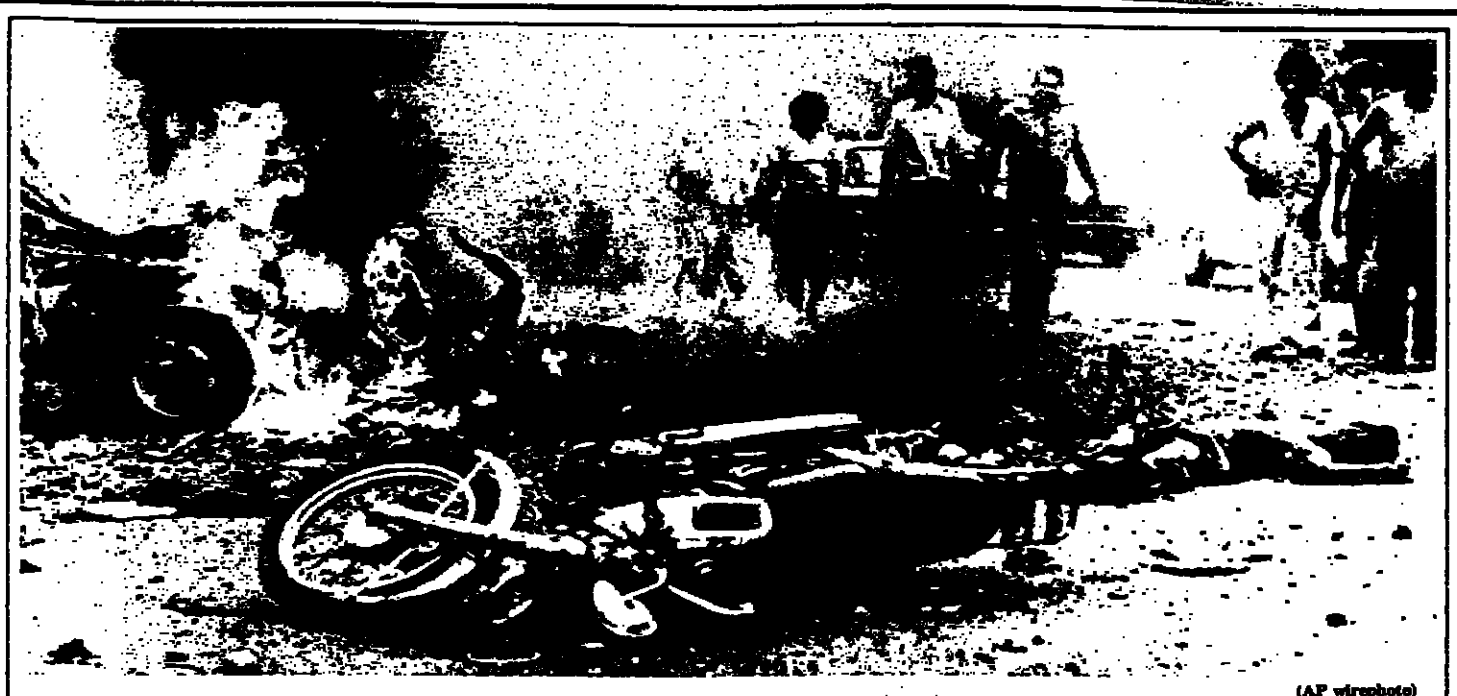
Mission resumes talks on Iraq, Iran

By A Staff Writer
JEDDAH, March 27 — The Islamic goodwill mission to the Iraqi-Iranian war will meet here Saturday to decide the next step. It will leave Sunday for Tehran and later for Baghdad to exchange views on proposals it had submitted to the two countries last month to end the war.

Meanwhile, King Khaled Friday received President Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea, chairman of the mission. Present at the audience were Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation; Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh; Prince Saud Al Faisal, the foreign minister; and the delegation accompanying President Sekou Toure.

The mission is expected to leave for Tehran Sunday and later to Baghdad to exchange views with officials in the two countries on new proposals it had submitted to both countries.

Also president Dawda Jawari of Gambia arrived in Jeddah Thursday for the mission's meeting. Gambia and Guinea are members of the peace mission set up by the third Islamic summit of Taif to help find a solution to the Iraqi-Iranian war.



EXPLOSION AFTERMATH: Seconds after a bomb destroyed a moving car in San Salvador Thursday, the body of a youth in his twenties lies next to the motorcycle on which he was riding at the time of his death. It is believed that the bomb accidentally detonated. (AP wirephoto)

Bomb blasts during ex-Nazi trial

HAMBURG, March 27 (R) — A bomb exploded Thursday night at a courthouse here where a former Nazi police chief in occupied Warsaw is charged with the murder of more than 200 Jews, police said Friday. The bomb, made from a fire extinguisher casing, shattered doors and windows but did not cause any casualties, police said.

The trial of Arpad Wiegand, 75, former first lieutenant in the Nazi SS elite guards, opened Wednesday and was continuing Thursday. He is accused of playing a part in the execution of Jews found outside the Warsaw ghetto in 1941 and 1942.

The bomb blast followed a nationwide police crackdown on suspected distributors of neo-Nazi literature last Tuesday. Police said no one had so far claimed responsibility for the attack and it was not known whether it was linked to the trial.

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Key Reagan aides angry

Haig 'limping badly', but won't quit

WASHINGTON, March 27 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, described by one career diplomat as "limping pretty badly" after a run-in with powerful White House staffers, is avoiding questions about whether he will resign.

Haig joked about the episode Thursday and said he was "anxious to get on with the conduct of foreign policy." But under questioning by reporters, he passed up an opportunity to declare that he has no intention of resigning.

Haig was meeting a few reporters for breakfast Friday and was sure to be quizzed further on the series of events before and after President Ronald Reagan designated Vice-President George Bush as the government's crisis manager, a job Haig wanted. While ignoring a question on whether he will resign, Haig said, "It's not true" that he had threatened White House aides with his resignation unless he was named crisis manager.

Haig said he has always been in full agreement with Reagan on foreign policy. "I'm anxious to get on with the conduct of foreign policy," he said.

Reagan named Bush as his crisis manager Tuesday night, hours after Haig publicly complained that he was "less than enthusiastic" about reports Reagan would make that decision.

Haig aides described him as so angry over developments that he was pounding tables at the State Department late Wednesday

According to the reports, he was upset not only over Bush being named crisis manager but over Reagan's subsequent failure to spell out that Haig is in charge of implementing foreign policy as well as formulating it.

One career foreign service officer, who asked not to be identified lest he incur Haig's wrath, said the "corridor consensus" at the State Department is that Haig "is limping pretty badly and may never quite walk up straight again." "I don't personally see how he can completely recover from this," added the official. "Only one more mishap will do him in."

The official said Haig's problem is that his "aggressive maneuverings" have angered four key figures in the Reagan administration: White House Counselor Edwin Meese III, White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III, National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

"His problem is that he's got some powerful enemies and no visible constituency," said the State Department source. "For example, I haven't seen any senators going to bat for him. It's futile to predict, but if I had to guess I would put his tenure in terms of weeks rather than months."

Haig told a Senate committee Thursday that the focus should now be on the substance of foreign policy rather than on organizational questions. "With respect to the so-



POWER SKIRMISH: U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the conflict with the White House behind him, tells a Senate subcommittee Thursday he would be the key source of foreign policy information within the structure of the newly created "Crisis management" team.

called crisis management situation, that form has been established and the time has now come to get on with substance, the formulation of American policy," he said.

Senior judge heads U.K. spy probe

LONDON, March 27 (Agencies) — The investigation ordered by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher into Britain's intelligence services will be headed by 73-year-old Lord Diplock, a senior judge. He will chair a three-man panel from among the seven members of the country's security commission.

The body was set up in January 1964 after Cabinet War Minister John Profumo was forced to resign after first denying involvement, then admitting that he shared Mistress Christine Keeler with the Soviet naval attaché in London. Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons in her statement Thursday that the inquiry would examine ways to spotlight those in the security service who "have allegiances which they put above loyalty to their country" and those who might be vulnerable to blackmail.

It would seek ways of excluding them from jobs providing access to "highly classified material." It was 20 years since the security services were subjected to independent review, she said, and in that time the techniques of penetration by hostile agents might have changed. The inquiry's findings will be made public "to the extent that it is consistent with national security to do so," she said.

Commission members from whom Lord Diplock will select his panel are Gen. Sir Dudley Ward, former commander of Britain's NATO forces in West Germany, Adm. Sir Horace Law, Lord Allen of Abbeydale, a

former Home Office official, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, former head of the diplomatic service, Lord Bridge of Harwich, a Lord of Appeal, and Sir Alan Cottrell of Cambridge University, a former adviser to the Ministry of Defense.

Security classifications in Britain range, in order of importance, from the highly sensitive "top secret" coding to "secret," "confidential" and "restricted." There are also secrecy codes at the Ministry of Defense, and within the cabinet.

However, lawmakers and several newspapers say they remain skeptical about the security of Britain's scandal-plagued intelligence network despite Mrs. Thatcher's assurances that the former counter-intelligence chief, Sir Roger Hollis, was not a Soviet spy.

She told a hushed House of Commons that claims that Sir Roger Hollis, former director-general of the MI-5 counter-intelligence agency, was a Soviet "mole" were "inaccurate and distorted." The allegations were made by veteran British defense reporter Chapman Pincher in a new book, "His Trade is Treachery," which has been serialized in the independent *Daily Mail* newspaper.

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THATCHER DEPARTS: Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher leaves 10 Downing Street for to the House of Commons to explain the results of the government's inquiry into allegations that former counter-intelligence head Sir Roger Hollis was a double agent.

Barbados to decide fate of great train robber

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 27 (AP) — Ronald Biggs expects to find out Friday whether he will be set free to return to his fugitiveness exile in Brazil or be sent back to Britain to finish serving nearly 28 years of a 30-year sentence for his part in the great train robbery.

"I'm glad it is in the initial stages of being all over," Biggs was quoted as saying after a two-hour court hearing Thursday in which his lawyers challenged his detention in Barbados. The 51-year-old Briton said he was resigned to returning to Britain, the country from which he escaped in 1965, two years after he and 14 other men pulled off the largest train robbery in history.

Although Biggs admits to being the fugitive train robber, Barbados authorities said they must await official confirmation from Scotland Yard before ruling on the extradition and are holding him only because he has

no passport.

"The whole thing could be a hoax," Barbados Attorney General Henry Forde told the court. "There could be more than that." Acting Supreme Court Chief Justice Denys Williams said following the habeas corpus hearing that he would rule Friday on the legality of detaining Biggs. Brazilian authorities also want Biggs back to question him about his kidnapping from a Rio de

Janeiro bar March 16, and they have asked Barbados to extradite the men who carried out the abduction.

Biggs was brought to Barbados on a chartered yacht by three former British soldiers working for a British private security firm. Since he was taken off the disabled yacht by Barbados authorities, Biggs has been living in a spartan billet at police headquarters. Police

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Europe summer advanced 1 hour

BRUSSELS, March 27 (AP) — Twenty European nations on both sides of the iron curtain, including the 10 countries of the European Economic Community (EEC), will go on summer time at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time Sunday setting clocks one hour ahead.

The event marks the first time that all EEC nations will simultaneously go on Dimer time, which will end Sept. 27. They will do so again next year on March 28. Friday the EEC Commission announced it will propose to the EEC council of ministers to let summer time

start throughout the community between 1983 and 2000 on the last Sunday of March.

A commission spokesman said under the proposal the start of summer time would take place a week earlier if the last Sunday in March "is celebrated as Easter Sunday in one or more member states."

For the end of the summer time period, the commission proposes that from 1983 on this should always be the second Sunday in October. This would give dates within the range 8 to 14, splitting the difference between the end dates "currently selected by the continental member states (the last Sunday in September) and the formula used in the United Kingdom and Ireland which produces dates between 23 and 29 October," the spokesman said.

Carazo urged to quit

SAN JOSE, March 27 (R) — A protest march against left-wing guerrilla violence ended in riots Thursday night when dozens of demonstrators surrounded Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo, shouting for his resignation, witnesses said.

They said that about 100 persons hurled stones at police who made about 200 arrests as demonstrators around Carazo shouted "thief" and "resign." The march was planned as a silent protest against guerrilla attacks in San Jose last week in which six persons including U.S. marines, were injured.

Opposition presidential candidate Miguel Barzuna earlier called on Carazo in parliament to resign. He accused him of lying so that Costa Rica remained neutral during the civil war in Nicaragua which ousted former dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979. Carazo admitted Tuesday that Costa Rica was used to funnel weapons to the left-wing Sandinist guerrillas. "I am not ashamed of what I did to rid the world of that dictator," he said.

Thief does it smoothly

MONTREAL, March 27 (AFP) — Without a shot being fired or any struggle a man made off with 2.4 million Canadian dollars in a security van in Thursday's busy lunchtime traffic here.

The robber apparently found the van's cab door open, and the keys in the ignition. He just started the engine and drove away.

An armed guard recruited that morning was working in the back of the truck when he heard the engine start. He jumped out to warn his colleagues who were lunching in a restaurant.

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Corporation's budget shows

Electrical activity up

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — The General Electricity Corporation's budget for 1980 amounted to SR3.83 billion, a 36 per cent increase over the previous year. The corporation's budget for 1979 reached SR2.425 billion.

The electricity corporation issued its fourth annual report for 1979-80 which contained the activities during the two-year period. The report stated that allocations for new electricity projects during the 1979-80 fiscal year amounted to SR2.4 billion, compared to SR1 billion for the 1978-79 fiscal year; SR800 million for 1977-78 and SR700 million for the 1976-77 fiscal year.

The report said the corporation's workers reached 400 people in 1979-80 of which 78 per cent were Saudi Arabians. Fifty one employees were sent for technical training abroad and at the Public Administration Institute of Riyadh and Riyadh University.

Twenty projects went into operation in the 1979-80 fiscal year, the report said. The projects included four central electricity projects in Asir, Baha, Kharij and Jizan. The rest were

rush programs for Asfan, Zahban, Thol, Saabar, Mastourah, Kheif Al-Jadid, Qariya, Aliyah, Wasitah, Musaijid, Quraish, Henakia, Kulaibiah, Salsalah, Qareen and Dalimiya.

The general corporation participated in the capital of 22 electricity companies until the end of the 1979-80 fiscal year. The corporation's share in the capital of local companies amounted to SR7.194 billion, the report said.

It added that a lighting network for towns located on major roads would be completed by the beginning of the next fiscal year. The project costs SR90 million. It includes the towns of Khalaf, Assilah, Jafn, Artawi, Aiy Al-Suwainea, Shuaraa, Bejjadiya, Qaeiya, Dhulm Al-Moya Al-Jadid, Tabraa, Rawda, Badee, Thamrah, Hizan, Darb, Mudaya, Ahad, Mawsim and Tawwal.

The report also referred to studies and designs for new central electricity projects on which work would begin in the next fiscal year. These include the Hail central electricity project whose estimated costs reached SR1.2 billion. The project is expected to meet power needs for about 140,000 citizens living in remote areas around Hail.

Another central electricity project is the SR800 million Jouf project. The project will provide electricity to Jouf, its surrounding areas and will provide the electric needs of Sikaku and Doumat Al-Jandal. The project will serve about 180,000 people.

The Najran central electricity project will cost SR500 million and serve the towns and villages of the region. About 140,000 people will benefit from it.



TALKS: IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali met with Habib Bourghiba Jr., special adviser to Tunisian President Habib Bourghiba and director general of the Tunisian Economic Development Bank, Thursday in Jeddah. Bourghiba's son arrived here on a few days visit Wednesday. The meeting reviewed the IDB financed projects and those expected to be financed in Tunisia, and cooperation between the bank and Tunisia. The IDB granted Tunisia two loans, participated in several economic projects and financed four foreign trade operations at a total cost of \$ 64 million.

COMMENT

By Dr. Nabil Al-Roobi
Al Bilad

For many emerging nations, the development of mineral resources provides the only way to avoid the slow economic progress of agriculture. It has become a basic means to earn foreign exchange and increase the national economy.

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In particular, the mining sector greatly benefits the transport and communications

projects, which further helps in the growth of national economy. In addition, the mining industry contributes to the growth of revenues through several ways including taxes on mineral exports, and gives a helping hand in the increased demand of industrial products.

In this way, the revenues accruing from the mining sector increase the demand for consumer goods, which leads to further expansion of the market. As an important economic sector, the mining industry tends to bring about a tangible development and growth in the economy.

Thus, we see that increased national revenue as well as increased export output easily enables an emerging country to implement its development projects successfully, thereby bringing the mining sector directly to the service of economic development of the country.

Germans keep shipping line

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 27 — Hapag-Lloyd, Germany's largest shipping group, was asked to maintain its services in the Middle East after another major West German shipping line closed down. Hansa-line had to cease operation a couple of months ago due to financial difficulties.

Hapag-Lloyd's representative, Elmar Zitz, said that the main ports of Jeddah and Damman are served on a weekly basis with the company's container vessels. The group's conventional service makes port in Damman every ten days and Jeddah fortnightly. The company also serves Yanbu and Jubail on inducement service, he added.

The shipping company's interests are represented throughout Saudi Arabia by the long-established company of Haji Abdullah Alireza, and backed by the German shipping group's own locally-based sales staff.

The company's share capital amounts to 180 million Deutsche marks. The company maintains its headquarters in Hamburg and Bremen. Hans Jakob Kruse is chairman of the executive board, to which also belong Prof. Dieter Ulken, who is heading the Hapag-Lloyd delegation to Saudi Arabia. Forty-eight cargo vessels with a capacity of about 1 million dwt sail under Hapag-Lloyd flag. This figure includes 29 containerships, and one additional container vessel under construction, with container capacities between 730 and 3,045 TEUs each.

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Mayor says transfer problems solved

Sabeel residents agree to live in Jeddah towers

JEDDAH, March 27 — The rush housing project here will be given over to the inhabitants of Sabeel area, who have suffered from congestion and poor services. A survey conducted on behalf of the municipality showed that the area was marked by haphazard growth which led to transportation and civic problems.

In an interview with *Saudi Business* published Saturday Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi said the Sabeel families were given

priority on account of their socio-economic status.

The mayor said certain problems have been encountered in the proposed shifting of the residents to the 2,000 flats of the scheme which cost nearly SR2 billion. For instance, some residents had sought reduced monthly installments, which had been fixed at SR2,000 per month thus enabling them to own the flats in 25 years. The people were under a misconception that the amount they

were being asked to pay was rent, whereas it is towards the ownership of the flat. He said the amount was not much, since the same apartment would require a monthly installment of SR5,000 in the private sector.

Another misconception was that each family will be allotted only one flat. On the contrary, each separate family will have a flat in compliance with the royal decree that all Saudi Arabian citizens must own at least a plot of land and a flat. The mayor quoted Crown Prince Fahd's statement that "everybody living in Saudi Arabia must benefit from welfare measures including accommodation facilities, regardless of his nationality."

Since the entire Sabeel locality will be demolished for town planning purposes, owners of land and houses affected will be compensated at current rates of real estate property in advance of demolition and eviction. However, some of the amount due them will be reserved by the municipality towards the cost of the flats and will be credited to their accounts. Some of the residents had asked that flats be given them as gifts from the government. The response was that the government planned to give each resident his own house, either a flat or a villa, by providing land and loans to persons who can construct houses. Others would be provided with ready-made flats or villas.

Farsi explained that three main housing projects are coming up in Jeddah. The first two are located in the southern part of the city — one on Mecca Road and the other adjoining the industrial zone. The third phase is known as the Prince Fawaz project, under which construction of villas is beginning. All these projects will be assisted by the Real Estate Development Fund. The loans are interest-free.

Explaining the origin of the scheme, Farsi said the story goes back to the time when

Jeddah was surrounded by an old wall enclosing an area of one square kilometer. Only 30,000 people then lived inside the walls.

Today Jeddah's population has surpassed 1.31 million, with nearly 540,000 motor vehicles crowding its streets. According to Sert Jackson International, which is designing the master plan for the municipality, the growth of car ownership may taper off as it reaches the so-called saturation point. This is about 400 cars for every 1,000 residents in the industrial world. However, it is lower in the Kingdom since women are barred from driving.

The major problem facing Sert Jackson is the sharp growth in car ownership from 40 per 1,000 people in 1971 to 125 per 1,000 in 1978. The movement of population to the north has also complicated the situation. The population density varies from 20 people to 800 people per hectare. The unplanned growth has meant that during every rush hour a mass migration ensues between houses in the north and jobs down south.

Jeddah now has 173,000 housing units. The number is expected to reach 308,000 by 1990. This, according to Farsi, is a big leap for Jeddah, a city with a long history. "Othman bin Affan, the third Caliph, chose Jeddah as the harbor for Mecca-bound pilgrims. They used to come here to be transported by camels or donkeys," Farsi said.

The mayor said the fortification wall was built of coral reef limestone. The wall had a thickness varying from one to three meters. A defense wall, it was pulled down in 1940 under the orders of King Abdul Aziz. He said Jeddah at that time used to be plagued by a water shortage. Fresh water would arrive from Wadi Fatima, about 30 kilometers from Jeddah. (It was also known as Al Aziziya water, a reference to King Abdul Aziz). This factor, coupled with the association of the city

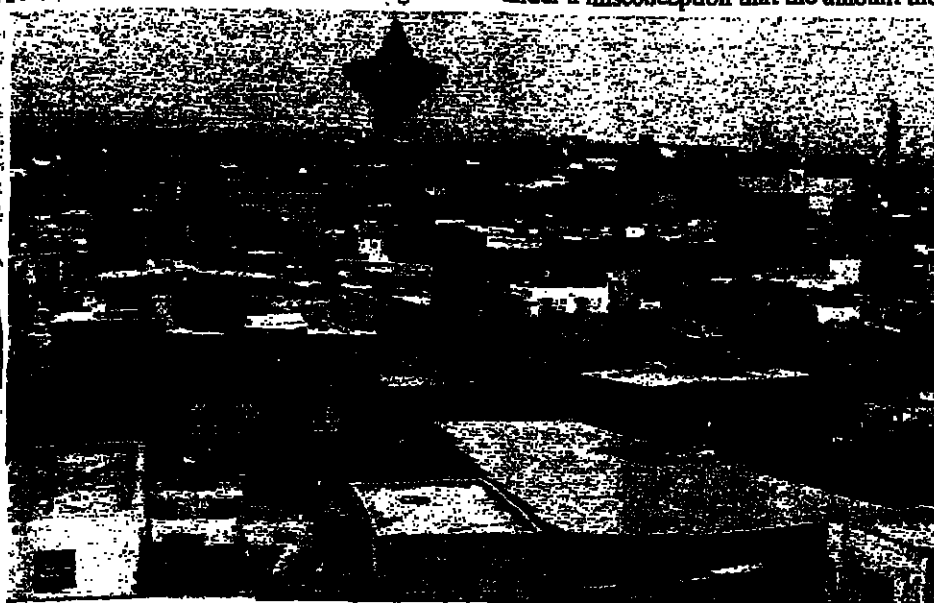
with Mecca, and Jeddah's role as an important maritime center, accounted for the burgeoning population.

The real development of Jeddah, however, started in 1972, when the socio-economic basis of town planning was laid. Prospects based on a 1978 survey showed Jeddah's population will exceed two million by 1985. The survey also showed that "Jeddah has the highest average rate of growth in the world."

The planning strategy contemplates a network of 74 highways, of which about 30 have

already been constructed. In two years over 1,500 kilometers of road worth nearly SR1 billion were awarded in contracts. Around half of this amount has been disbursed on "beautification" projects, such as flower beds, sidewalks, curbs and the like.

Still, much remains to be done. "The main problem," said Farsi, "is that the day has only 24 hours. We are racing against time to build infrastructure and replace the old districts of the city. We have started with Sabeel and Jeddah Towers and there will be following projects in all other districts."



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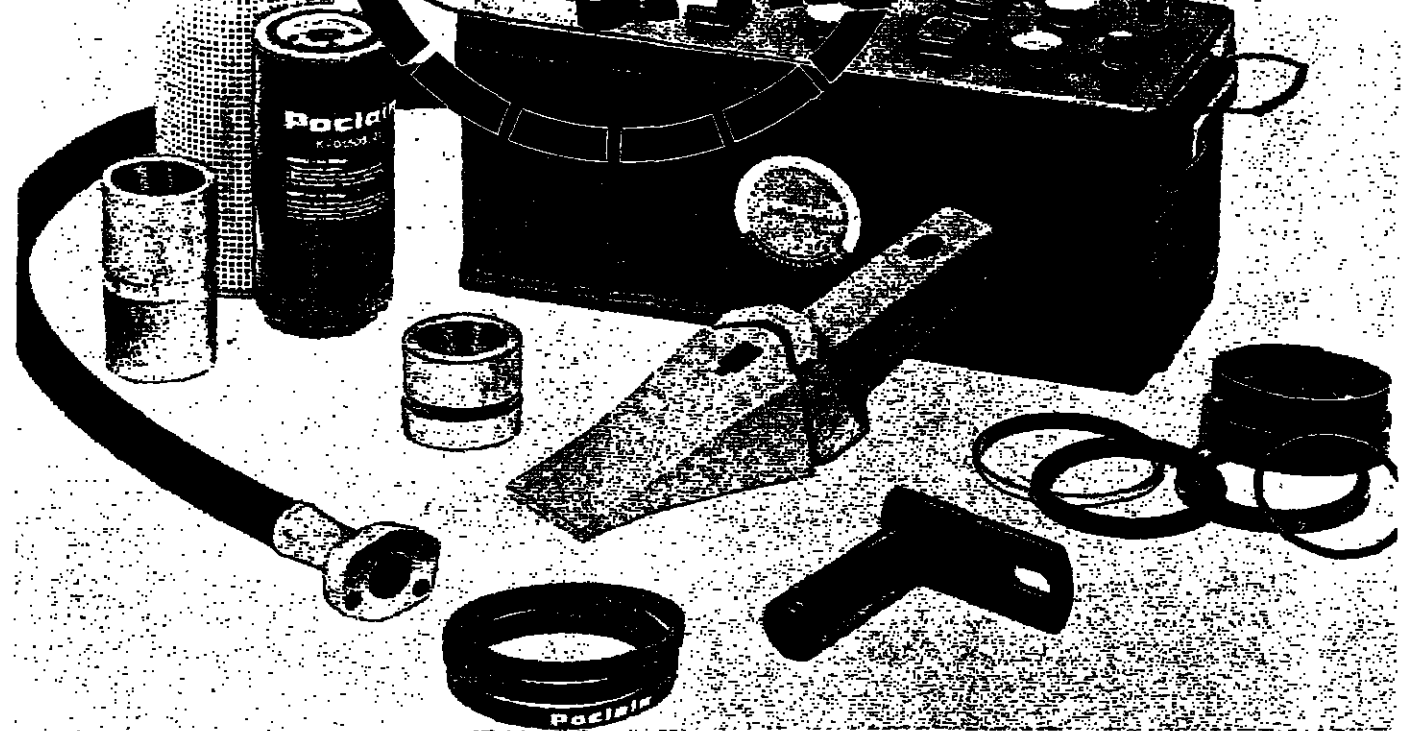


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Oman reports S. Yemen incursion

BAHRAIN, March 27 (R) — Oman has accused South Yemeni forces of firing at an Omani aircraft and at an army patrol during a number of border incursions last month, the official Oman news agency reported.

Quoting a government statement Wednesday night, the agency said Thursday, the firing incidents were followed by the massing of Yemeni troops on the border with Oman. The statement accused the Soviet Union, East Germany and Cuba of supporting the moves.

"Oman took no retaliatory action to avoid aggravation of the situation or escalation of these acts of aggression," the statement said. But the government had lodged a strong protest with the Arab League and informed the envoys of Arab governments in the Gulf and the Arabian peninsula, it added. Oman has no diplomatic ties with South Yemen.

The statement said that in one of six incursions last month five Yemeni vehicles armed with automatic weapons penetrated 11 kms into Omani territory. A fence round a border checkpoint was torn down and an Omani vehicle stolen.

Carrington begins talks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, March 27 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington began two days of discussions Friday with Pakistani leaders to reaffirm support for Pakistan in its confrontation with the Kremlin over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. British and Pakistani sources said Thursday.

Israel denies right

West Bank municipal elections canceled

KAMALLAH, March 27 (Agencies) — Israel will not allow Palestinians of the occupied West Bank to hold municipal elections because to do so would damage the Camp David peace process, a senior Israeli official has said.

UNRWA decision on schools delayed

AMMAN, March 27 (AP) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, although facing a serious budget deficit, has delayed a decision to dismiss some 5,000 teachers in Jordan and Syria, a U.N. spokesman has said.

Spokesman John Tanner Thursday said that although the budgetary shortfall was serious, "UNRWA had not yet taken a decision to issue dismissal notices for 5,000 teachers at schools for Palestinian refugees in Jordan and Syria."

Opposition alleges

Polisario holds Mauritanian capital

RABAT, March 27 (R) — A Mauritanian opposition group has said that the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, was controlled by units of the Polisario fighter movement and Algerian military security.

The "Alliance for a Democratic Mauritania" (AMD) said in a statement issued in Rabat Thursday that the units were stationed in the suburbs of Toueila and Toujounine. The movement, which has claimed responsibility for a failed coup in Nouakchott last week, said Polisario, Libyan and Algerian officers were directly involved in the interrogation of 800 persons arrested since the attempt. The detainees were being sub-

jected to "physical and moral torture," it added.

The movement said northern Mauritania was "occupied" by the Polisario, which has been fighting Morocco for the independence of the former Spanish Sahara for over five years.

The alliance said Mauritania had "entered a process of civil war" and declared that it would fight for "the complete liberation of national territory internationally recognized inside its 1960 frontiers."

The alliance appealed to international bodies, including the Arab League, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of Islamic Conference to recognize the group as "the sole authentic representative of the Mauritanian people and to help it by all possible means in its national liberation struggle."

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasm said Thursday he was satisfied with the development of cooperation between Syria and the Soviet Union in the political, economic and military fields, official sources said.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Adolfo Perez Esquivel, the 1980 Nobel peace prize laureate, was quoted Thursday as saying the Palestinians should have their own land. The Argentinian human rights crusader was quoted by the Tel Aviv daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* as saying the Palestinians "must

Palestinian charter not to be changed

DAMASCUS, March 27 (R) — A Palestinian leader has said that there are no plans to change the Palestine national charter, which calls for the establishment of a democratic state in Palestine.

Khaled al-Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which is due to meet in Damascus next month, said in a press statement: "On the contrary, there is a determination to insist on it."

Some European Common Market leaders have urged the Palestinians to change the charter to pave the way for a mutual exchange of recognition by the Palestinians and Israel.

In an interview published last weekend by the Beirut weekly newspaper *Monday Morning*, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Palestinians should recognize Israel's right to exist within secure and safe boundaries in return for Israeli recognition of Palestinian right to self-determination.

Syrian President Hafez al-Assad will open the 15th session of the 296-member PNC April 11.

Nabulus to be twinned with city of Dundee

TEL AVIV, March 27 (AP) — The town of Nabulus, in the occupied West Bank, will be twinned next week with the Scottish city of Dundee, the Palestinian mayor of Nabulus Bassam Shakaa has announced. Shakaa had both legs blown off in an Israeli bomb attack last summer.

A Dundee delegation is due in Nabulus Sunday from Jordan. They will be met in Jericho, in the Jordan Valley by a party of Palestinian mayors and other community leaders, including the refugees living in camps on its outskirts. Nabulus is the largest town in the occupied West Bank.

attain a place of their own, the same way the Israelis fought for a place of their own.

LISBON, (R) — President Chadi Benjedid of Algeria will visit Angola from Sunday at the invitation of President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, the Angolan News Agency reported.

CAIRO, (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Thursday watched his army fire live missiles at dummy targets in the western desert in an exercise designed to show the efficiency of air defense units using new French-made equipment.

Jackson wants Reagan to change M.E. policy

ABU DHABI, March 27 (AP) — U.S. civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said here Thursday U.S. policy in the Middle East was "devastating to American economic and political interests." "The Arabs are turning to other powers for political and economic cooperation," he told AP in an interview here.

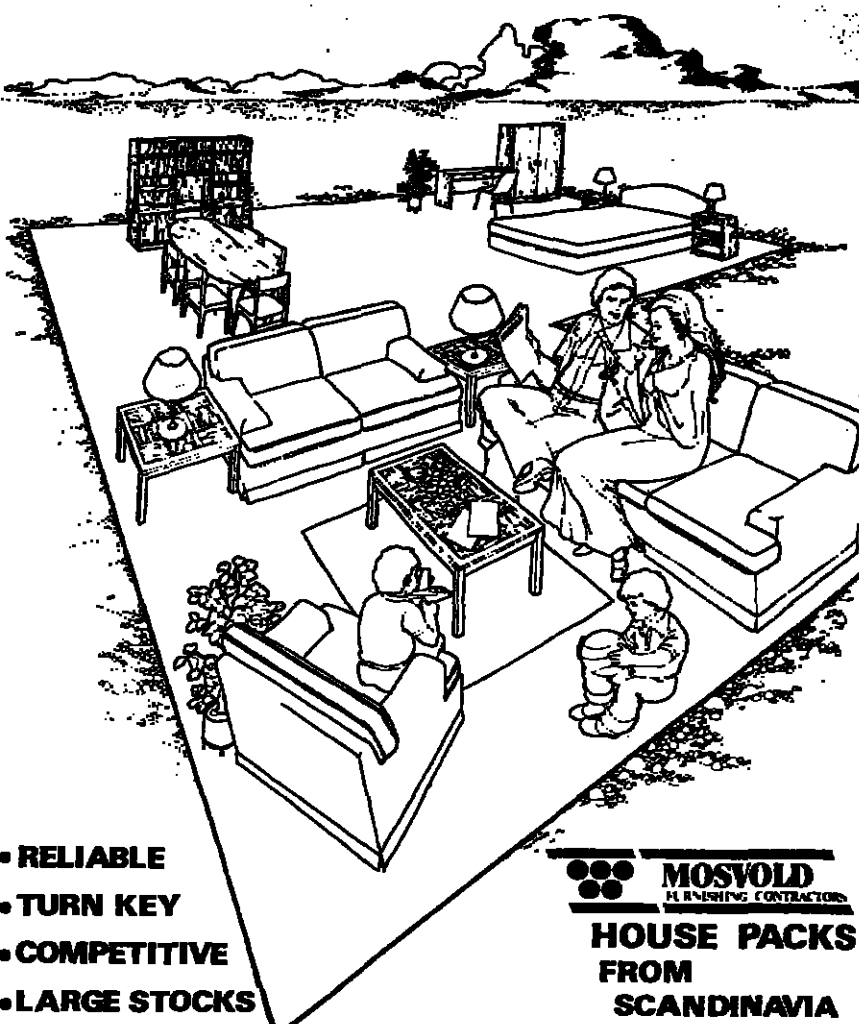
"The Kuwaitis, for instance, have turned to France for \$3.5 billion worth of military equipment. Each billion dollar worth of orders is equal to 40,000 new jobs in the United States," he added. Jackson urged

President Reagan to visit the Middle East and Africa and start a dialogue with the leaders of the two regions.

He criticized Reagan for supporting Israel against the Arabs, contending that "Israel is a short-term pleasure and a long-term pain for the United States." Alluding to U.S. criticism of the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, Jackson said "you cannot morally challenge the Soviet Union for invading Afghanistan if you do not also condemn the Israeli strikes into southern Lebanon."

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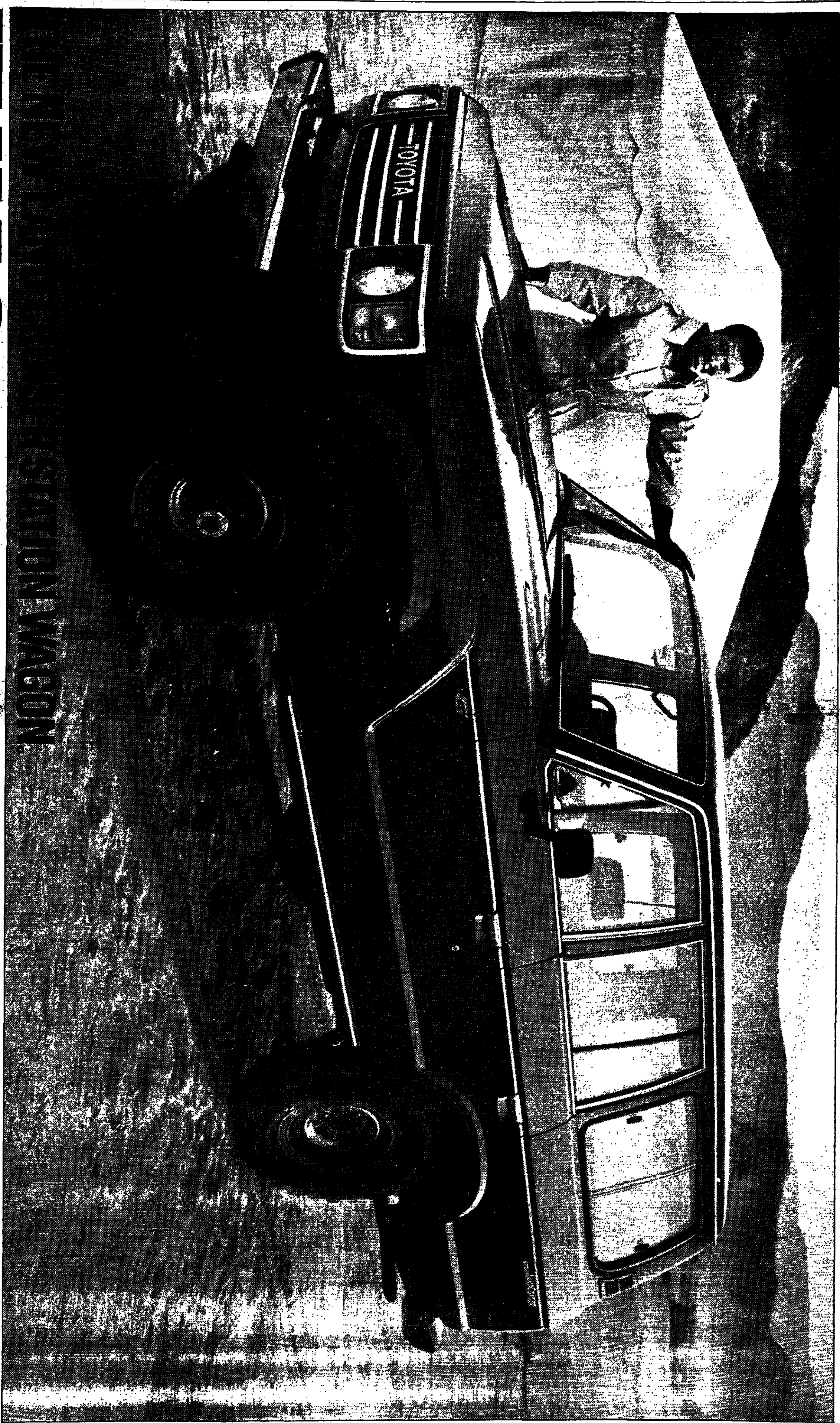
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Chad reconstruction an uphill task

By Roland Dallas

NDJAMENA — There is no water supply and no post office or telephone service, electricity functions only for 12 hours a day, the central bank is closed and the government is broke.

But Chad, ravaged by a devastating nine-month-long civil war, which was ended last December by a controversial Libya military intervention, is trying hard to dig itself out of the ruins. Drought-plagued and one of the poorest countries in the world, Chad is now even more impoverished and the work of reconstruction will be enormous.

The unhealed wounds of bloody battles between Chad's warring factions can be seen everywhere here. At the airport the control tower has been hit many times by light artillery but miraculously it is still standing and working.

The main airport terminal is a complete wreck, with no roof, girders twisting crazily and a main staircase leading nowhere. Immigration officials handling the few planes that arrive here work at charred desks surrounded by fire-blackened walls.

Along the road to this parched, dusty city's center, vendors sell petrol in big bottles because the petrol stations are all closed. They have brought the petrol from the Cameroon town of Kousseri, across the Shari River, in pirogues.

Nothing is left of the cathedral except its striking, arched front facade surrounded by bullet-holes. The rest is rubble — the result of a direct hit.

The barracks of the National Guard, the palace edifice and the ministry of posts and telecommunications all appear to have been gutted and abandoned. The rectory of the University of Chad is an empty shell. The American Embassy and thousands of homes, businesses establishments and restaurants are in ruins.

It will take a vast effort and hundreds of millions of dollars to bring this capital back to life with any degree of efficiency. But despite everything, Ndjamena does function within severe limits.

At the Hotel la Chadienne, head waiter Noel Dallas proudly shows the shell-hole in his plates cabinet and the bullet-pocked ceiling, but his dining room functions well with a limited menu and serves up an excellent local beer, gala, which managed to survive the civil war.

One of hundreds of thousands of victims of the fighting, Dallas explains that his wife and 10 children are living across the river in Kousseri in a

thatched home because his house here was wrecked. He hopes to build another.

The hotel resumed operation after the civil war ended with help from Libya, which provided sheets, towels and curtains, Chad officials said.

Another sign of life here is the local market, which is bustling although its supplies are limited.

But the economy is paralysed because the central bank is closed. Local businessmen and private banks are waiting for it to reopen before taking any further moves themselves.

In the meantime, there is an acute shortage of currency in circulation. Chad's French-backed CFA francs, used here and elsewhere in French-speaking Africa, are being spent importing essential supplies from Kousseri.

This has meant that the Libyan dinar, now cir-

culating here, is assuming increasing importance as a means of trading. Chad's few factories, life-blood of the country, were smashed as well, during the fighting.

"I used to have a factory making small metal mills for grinding flour," one businessman said. "It is finished. But I cannot import the equipment I need to start again."

The government has not paid its employees for months because it has no funds and, therefore, reports that Libya has offered to pay all Chad state employees for six months.

There is no sign of financial assistance coming to Chad from the West and Libya appears to be the sole source of economic assistance. Chad's leaders, who say they accepted Libyan aid because the Tripoli government was the first to offer it at a time of extreme crisis, would like Western aid.

Without Western aid, the influence of Libya is certain to grow here. Libyan soldiers can be seen frequently in Ndjamena but they are unobtrusive and do not appear to be in command of the situation. The running of the capital appears to be in the hands of the Chadians.

The Libyan presence appears to be a force for stability in a country in which there are 11 armed factions.

But many Chadians, who recognize the value of the Libyan assistance, wonder what will happen when the Chad government decides that the Libyan presence is no longer required.

President Goukouni Oueddei has said he is confident that the Libyans will leave. But many Chadians say in private conversations, that they are not as sure as the president. (R)

NUCLEAR DANGER

The Syrian proposal to the 76th session of the recent Arab League Council just concluded in Tunis, that the Arab countries should study carefully the nuclear deals between the United States and Israel ought to be treated very seriously indeed.

The United States has for a long time been aiding Israel's nuclear industry; and is now about to hand it several new nuclear reactors. Previously, the United States had smuggled ample supplies of nuclear fuel to the Israelis.

Reports have been circulating for a long time of Israel's development and possession of nuclear arms. There are also reports that Israel and South Africa are cooperating closely in this field, and that the two sides have already tested some devices.

It is also well known that Israel is not a signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, or any treaty which subjects its nuclear industry to international inspection. This point has been insistently raised by Iraq, itself a signatory, in answer to the campaign against it as it started developing its own nuclear industry.

The Syrian proposal underlines a very disturbing fact, which is that America's nuclear entry into the Middle East has already been affected and that it is channelled through the Israelis and hostile to the Arabs. When Syria raises it, it is doing so as a pointer to the general danger this poses for the Arab world as a whole, and not merely for itself.

Pirate radio stations worry France

By Stephen Weeks

PARIS — French pirate radio stations are challenging the state's tight broadcasting monopoly during the presidential election campaign, hoping to focus attention on their call for freedom of the air waves. Para-military police have responded by carrying out a series of raids around France in recent weeks seizing station transmitters to stop pirate broadcasting.

The latest raid was on the headquarters of Channel 75, which had been broadcasting news and political interviews from a hilltop in northeast Paris. The organizers of Channel 75 admit they provoked the raid after only 24 hours in operation by openly advertising their location.

Matrice Sevano, a well-known radio reporter and Channel 75's news director, said: "We didn't launch the station six weeks before the presidential election by chance. We think the time is now or never to push the problem of independent radio in France, to force the candidates to take a stand on what we consider the voice of local democracy."

At stake is the state's control of radio and television broadcasting. The state runs the country's three television stations and has direct or indirect control over all legal radio stations, including foreign stations permitted to broadcast into France.

Opposition parties often accuse the government of limiting their broadcast time while staging its own publicity through trumped-up news events.

But none of the major opposition parties has said it would end the station monopoly if it came to power. The socialist spokeswoman on communications, Nicole Questiaux said: "We don't want to end the state monopoly but we want to open it up more, to encourage local, non-profit community radio under government licensing control."

Jean-Louis Bessis, a lawyer for the Association for Free Air Waves, says the opposition parties don't want to get rid of this magnificent propaganda instrument. They know that if they ever reach power it will serve them well, too.

As in many other countries, radio and television have come to hold a powerful and often decisive role in elections. The communications ministry estimates that up to 15 million people listen to morning prime-time radio in France. Pirate radio operators are quick to point out that of about 60 candidates in the April presidential election only five, all from major parties, appear regularly in broadcast news coverage.

For instance, ecology candidate Brice Lalonde and a music hall comic named Coluche, who shows a steady five to 10 per cent in opinion polls, are

rarely included in news programs and are all but

excluded from television or radio interview shows.

Coluche, whose real name is Michael Colucci, has gone so far as to start a hunger strike to press his demand for one hour each on the country's top rated radio and television interview programs.

A spokesman in the communications ministry defended the state monopoly, saying the air waves would be turned into state monopoly, saying the air waves would be turned into anarchy by independent broadcasting, and commercial stations would wipe out newspapers. "In countries with unbridled commercial broadcasting, newspapers have suffered greatly," he said. "Both advertisers and audiences turn from print to the passive simplicity of broadcasting. We want to protect and encourage the full political spectrum of newspapers."

He said the government reserved the right to jam pirate radios, a charge which has been leveled by Channel 75 and several pirate stations trying to broadcast into France from Italy. Meanwhile, Channel 75, Radio Corsair, Radio Piranha, Radio Redbeard and others recently seized have vowed to return to the air and keep up the campaign for independent radio. Sevano said: "We have other transmitters and recording equipment. We'll be back on the air well before the election." (R)

Letters to the editor

Sir,
Through your highly esteemed newspaper, I was delighted to read Crown Prince Fahd's statement issued during the annual mosques' week and the interest the Saudi government and the public take in the construction and utilization of mosques. I am reminded of the similar efforts being made by the Muslim citizens of a far away town in the United States of America who are constructing an Islamic Center in the city of Rochester. Rochester is the third largest city in the State of New York bordering Canada. The Muslim population of Rochester and the nearby towns is over 1,000 and they consist of local Muslims and immigrants and students from all over the world including Arab countries, Turkey, Pakistan and Iran. When I was there last October, I came into contact with some of the organizers of the Islamic Center whom I found to be extremely dedicated to the service of Islam and devoting a lot of their precious time to organize the Muslim community and to spread the Islamic teachings to both Muslims and non-Muslims. I was lucky to attend an Islamic gathering where two Americans joined the fraternal brotherhood of our great religion.

The community has already embarked upon the project of constructing the Islamic Center and I watched an introduction being given by the secretary of the Islamic Association on the local television. It was really a very moving experience to watch the spirit of brotherhood and sacrifice being displayed by the small but dedicated community of Muslims in such a remote area. The Islamic community in Rochester generally comprises highly educated and professional people like, doctors,

engineers, scientists and professors and it was indeed heartening to find them all united and working in their own time for the cause of Islam.

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Mugabe's rival ready to fight again

By John Edlin

GWAAI RIVER, Zimbabwe —

"Comrade Luke" once fought to bring a black-majority government to power. Now he is one of at least 7,000 Zimbabwean guerrillas who are defying orders to disarm, and says he and the other hold-outs are ready to fight again.

"We have no place in the new Zimbabwe," said Luke, a former gardener. "We are not being given a place." Other guerrillas nodded agreement as they swigged beer from bottles at a hotel not far from their camp at an abandoned copper mine.

Luke, his nom de guerre during the seven-year war to end white-minority rule in what was the breakaway British colony of Rhodesia, is a member of the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA), nominally commanded by minister-without-portfolio Joshua Nkomo. Commanders and men in the 5,000-strong Gwaai River camp have become increasingly disenchanted over unfulfilled promises made before independence last April 18. Nkomo's weak position in the coalition government and what they see as better treatment for members of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA) of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

"Even Nkomo has done little for us," complained a senior commander. "Until we get a fair share of what we fought for, we will stay where we are — with our guns."

The 5,000 guerrillas at Gwaai River in western Zimbabwe and between 2,000 and 3,000 at Mshumbi Pools Camp, about 380 kilometers to the northeast, are the only units that have ignored government orders to give up their weapons. The edict went out last month to some 22,000 former guerrillas after bloody clashes in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city, between rival veterans of the war. According to official count, at least 167 persons were killed and thousands wounded in a week of battles which were finally ended by troops of the former Rhodesian army commanded by white officers. Unofficial estimates put the death toll near 300.

Afterwards, several thousand combatants — including three battalions that had been integrated into the new national army — were disarmed and moved to separate camps. Emmerson Mnangagwa, the minister of state and top security official, told the *Salisbury Herald* recently that 19,500 guerrillas of the 36,000 who fought in the war had been integrated into 15 national army battalions.

He conceded there had been problems in combining guerrillas from opposing political and ethnic backgrounds — the ZANLA fighters of Mugabe's Chinese-backed, majority Shona tribe which controls the government, and Nkomo's Soviet-supported forces drawn chiefly from the Matabele tribe of this western region.

"The problems encountered in meeting the aspirations of our supporters who took up arms have

been enormous," Mugabe has said. Given past rivalries between the two sides, Mnangagwa said, "solid gains and surprising progress" have been made in 11 months of independence.

At Gwaai River, former guerrillas wearing sports shirts, jeans, sandals and floppy cotton sun hats complained they have seen few rewards from their fight for black rule. Nervous, suspicious, often looking over their shoulders and reluctant to give their names as they collected beer from the Gwaai River hotel near their camp, the men nevertheless readily detailed their complaints.

Top government jobs, they had heard, were being given only to Mugabe supporters. The independent public services board in Salisbury maintains, however, that appointments are based on qualifications and experience only. Statements by some of Mugabe's ministers, such as those calling for the banning of Nkomo's party, made the former guerrillas even more reluctant to give up their weapons. They say Nkomo's party, which began the country's black nationalist movement in the 1950s, has not been properly recognized for its role in the independence struggle.

Nkomo's patriotic front party won 20 seats in the National Assembly compared to 57 for Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union in February, 1980. "We will stay where we are until a political solution is reached," the commander said. "Integration, as we've seen it, is worse than being kept apart." — (AP)

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Study to save coral reefs

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — How can the wonders of nature — such as Saudi Arabia's famous Red Sea coral reef — be protected from the ravages of pollution? Scientists in Australia, which possesses some of the best coral reefs in the world, are hoping to find out a way in a quarter-million dollar research project.

A team of 20 scientists from six Australian universities will take part in the 3-year project which aims specifically at looking at water flow, sedimentation and the development of the continental shelf with the passage of time. It will be carried out on a section of the 2,000-kilometer long Great Barrier Reef, considered as one of the natural wonders of the world. The study will also produce a map of the sea bed.

The team, led by Dr. G.R. Orme, Queensland University geologist, will include sedimentologists, oceanographers and geophysicists from the Universities of Adelaide, Flinders, Melbourne, Sydney, Queensland and New England. Monash University in Melbourne will provide some of the equipment.

Dr. Orme said that the information gathered would have practical application. It would, for example, be a basis to any strategy to combat pollution stemming from the land or from a catastrophe at sea, such as a wide-scale oil spill. Sophisticated research equipment will be used by the researchers, including side scan sonar, which will be employed to map the sea bed and provide information about its nature and stability.

He said the idea for the investigation stemmed from a workshop in Townsville, just south of Cairns, organized by the Great Barrier Reef Park Authority some years ago. It was decided then that it was necessary to assess what was known about the reef and to

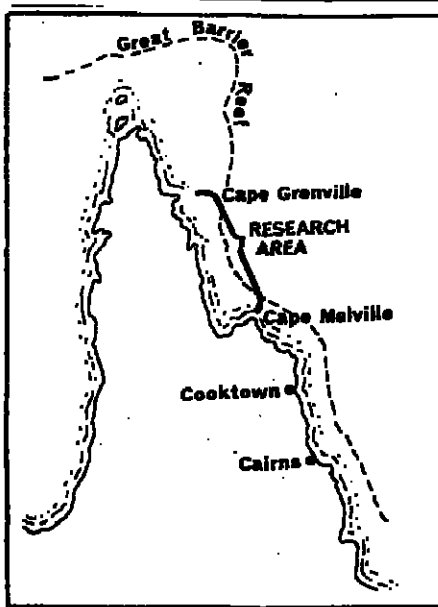
fill in the gaps in knowledge — which are considerable — to provide a basis for future decisions on how best conservation, utilization and management of the reef can be achieved.

In 1973 an expedition to the Great Barrier Reef, which lies just offshore from the coastline of Australia's north-eastern State of Queensland, was undertaken jointly by the Royal Society of London and the University of Queensland. From this emerged the concepts on which the present work is based, and which stimulated the determination to extend investigations to more remote parts of the Great Barrier Reef province.

The new investigation, to be carried out by a number of expeditions spread over three years, would furnish information which could be useful in a wider ecological sense and therefore would be of great value to marine biologists. An aspect of the project that is being emphasized is the almost unprecedented pooling of academic talent, knowledge and equipment.

"Sometimes we hear complaints that scientific work, especially in the marine field, is less effective than it might be because it is fragmented," said Dr. Orme. "This project, we hope, will show what can be achieved by a concerted attack on a problem through organized team work."

The logistics of the operation are formidable. The first full-scale expedition involving the entire team will take place at the end of the year and will necessitate the use of three vessels. The base for the expeditions will be Cairns, and they will have to be timed to fit in with the work schedules of the academics from the different universities involved and, more importantly, with the weather. Around December the notorious cyclone season begins off the Queensland coast bringing in tropical storms and typhoons which can flatten even entire townships.



The research program and related projects, being undertaken by the University of Queensland's Department of Geology and Mineralogy, are being financed by grants from the Australian Marine Science and Technologies Advisory Committee and the Australian Research Grants Committee. Part of the grant funds will be used by Prof. G. Sargent, of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, for the development of specialized marine equipment.



OCEAN FLOOR: Prof. Sargent (left) and Dr. Orme with a side scan sonar transducer used in mapping the ocean floor.



MAN OF THE YEAR: President Ronald Reagan holds up the Man of the Year award presented to him in Washington recently by the Association of General Contractors of America. He traveled to a hotel to accept the award.

Reagan rules in style

By Ann Blackman

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The limousine business is booming. Four coats, jumbo shrimp, white and black tie dinners are back in style. Caterers are counting their profits. Ronald Reagan's administration, in office less than two months, is setting a new tone for the nation's capital.

Some administration officials are advocating federal budget cuts by day and dining at the city's most exclusive tables by night, on shrimp fillet of pompano, rack or lamb and baby veal.

The party circuit, which languished during Jimmy Carter's years, is blossoming like the spring magnolias.

"This cabinet goes out more than they did during the Carter years," said Buffy Caffritz, wife of developer William Caffritz. "They add pizzazz and excitement to parties. I'm having a party Monday night, and I'm adding dancing. Even places where there's not room for dancing, they're fitting it in."

Reagan's team has settled here in splendid style. According to public records, White House Chief of Staff James Baker paid \$735,000 for a handsome brick colonial home on fashionable Foxhall Road, while Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. spent \$425,000 for a new four-bedroom home outside the city.

"There's a style and elegance surrounding the Reagan people," said Jeff Ellis, president of Ridgewell's Inc., one of the capital's most expensive catering services. "My normal everyday business is up in excess of 20 per cent since February, and March is usually a slow month."

Ellis said many of his new customers are very discriminating. "They order whole, jumbo shrimp instead of shrimp salad," he said. "They want rack of lamb or loin of veal instead of tenderloin or chicken. They don't want regular tablecloths. They want florals and lace. They don't want folding chairs but straightbacks. There's a richness to their taste, but it doesn't actually cost that much more, maybe only 10 to 15 per cent."

Ellis said much of his new business comes not from officials, who have been busy getting settled, but from embassies, lobbyists,

associations, corporate executives and political action groups who court officials. To accommodate his new business, Ellis said he has bought two new trucks, hired five new account executives, two new secretaries and ordered 5,000 new place settings and 2,500 new chairs.

Marla Gactenhaus, co-owner of one of the city's largest fur companies, said her business has been up since January. "During the inauguration, we had super traffic in the store," Mrs. Gactenhaus was pleased to see Nancy Reagan wear her new full-length mink coat on the state visit to Canada last week.

George Coupe, a partner in Admiral Limousine, said he used 80 limousines during Reagan's inaugural festivities, compared to 100 he used during Jimmy Carter's inauguration. At the White House, the small presidential limousine Carter favored has been replaced by a larger, more elegant model. For official dinners — the Reagans have had one white tie and two black tie affairs since they've been in office — menus are printed in French instead of English.

"The international language of cuisine is still French and the chief is more comfortable with it," said Muffie Brandon, White House social secretary. While Nancy makes a special effort to ensure that the White House entertains tastefully, Mrs. Brandon said she is working within a strict budget. Guest lists have been reduced to save money.

"The experience at the White House should be special," she said. "That doesn't mean it has to be elaborate...sometimes people in this country confuse good taste with opulence. There is a great difference. My first memo was on getting rid of styrofoam cups and paper napkins."

Asked how the Reagans feel about the expensive lifestyle of many of their friends and associates at a time when the president is advocating extensive budget cuts, Mrs. Brandon said, "They are both very aware that they are asking the country to sacrifice. The private lives and habits of their friends is something they wouldn't dream of suggesting a change in..." White House Press Secretary James Brady described the style of the Reagan administration in another way: "I don't think it's elegance," he said. "It's dignity. And you can't buy dignity."

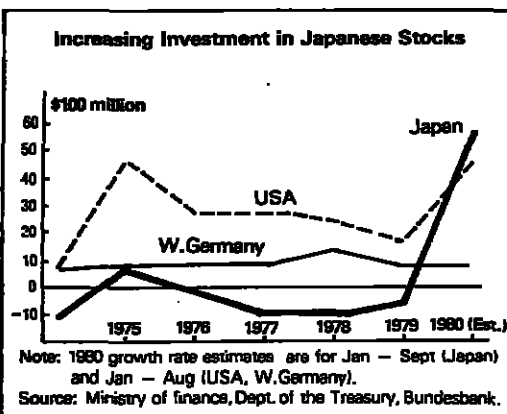
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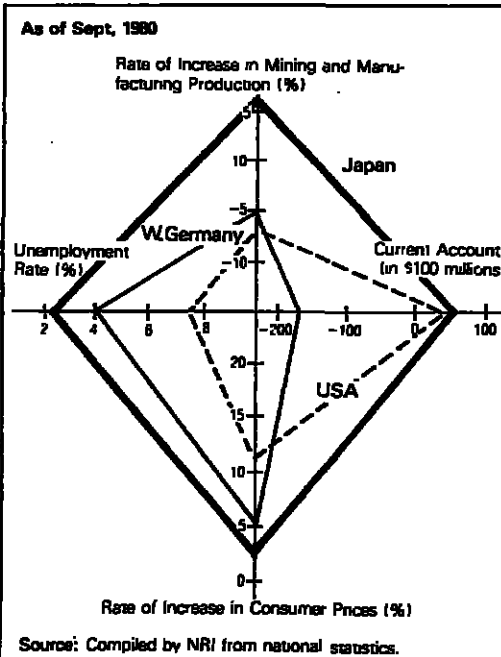
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Meeting with S. Africans

Congressmen urge Kirkpatrick ouster

WASHINGTON, March 27 (Agencies) — The congressional black caucus have called for the dismissal of Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, for her recent meeting with South African intelligence officials. Congressman William H. Gray III, Democrat-Pennsylvania, made the request at a news conference on behalf of the 18-member caucus.

"Ambassador Kirkpatrick's explanation

that she was unaware of the South Africans' identity is a testimony to either her naivete or her lack of credibility," said Gray, caucus vice chairman and a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "We find it extremely hard to believe that a person of her position and responsibility to represent American interests did not know with whom she was meeting," he said.

Gray noted that the U.N. arms embargo prohibits military involvement with South Africa, and the United States is a party to that prohibition. "Therefore, it is clear to us that this meeting of March 15 was a violation of long standing U.S. policy," he said. "It has removed any effectiveness Ambassador Kirkpatrick might have had at the United Nations."

Gray also stated that Mrs. Kirkpatrick's action comes "on the heels of what now is a clear pattern of events that are being read by African nations as an alarming turn in U.S. foreign policy."

Furthermore, he said, "It is becoming clear that the Reagan administration is aligning itself with a policy that goes against U.S. interests in Africa and will isolate us from the peoples, markets and resources of the Third World." He said "to choose the apartheid regime of South Africa is to alienate all of black Africa. It is also a slap in the face to black Americans."

In another statement, Representative Julian C. Dixon, Democrat-California, announced he will introduce a House resolution urging President Ronald Reagan not to invite South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha to visit the United States "until that country renounces its policy of apartheid."

The resolution follows numerous reports that the administration is considering Botha for an official visit. The resolution has 36 sponsors.

Meanwhile, the African group of states at the United Nations will call for a Security Council meeting next month to discuss alleged violations of the council's 1977 arms embargo against South Africa, African diplomats said at the United Nations Thursday. They said a majority of the 50-nation group decided that the arms issue should be discussed by the council before it deals with the question of Namibia (Southwest Africa).



FORD WITH ZHAO: Former U.S. President Gerald Ford has talks with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang (right) Monday in the Pavilion of Purple Light in Peking's Chungnanhai compound where China's top leaders have their offices. Ford concluded his six-day private visit Friday.

Reagan's message conveyed

Ford invites Zhao to U.S.

PEKING, March 27 (AFP) — Former U.S. President Gerald Ford hinted Friday at the end of a six-day visit to China that he had invited Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang to pay an official visit to the United States. Ford arrived here on a private visit last Sunday with a message from President Ronald Reagan of reassurance on the future of U.S.-Chinese relations.

Speaking to American residents and visitors in the Chinese capital before leaving for Tokyo on the final leg of his 12-stop tour, Ford said he hoped it would be possible for Zhao to visit the United States and also for Reagan to visit China in the course of the "next year." China's paramount leader, party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, visited the United States at the beginning of 1979 shortly after relations between Peking and Washington were normalized. He went to the United States in his capacity at the time as Chinese vice premier.

Ford was optimistic that Peking and Washington would "reach a satisfactory solution" on their disagreement over the sale of U.S. arms to Taipei. He said the issue was raised during his talks with Chinese leaders, but he did not go into any details. Firmly opposed to such sales, Peking views the possible supply of U.S. F-16 fighter planes to Taipei as a violation of the principles of the

normalization of Chinese-American relations.

China recently downgraded its diplomatic relations with the Netherlands to the charge d'affaires level following a decision by The Hague to sell Taipei two submarines. The move was seen as a warning to the Reagan administration. Ford stressed, however, that no firm decision had been reached by the Washington administration on the arms sale.

Ford also said he hoped the question of a new U.S. ambassador to China, to replace Leonard Woodcock, who returned to Washington in mid-February, would soon be resolved by the Reagan administration. He said he was "very optimistic" about the development of long-term trade relations between China and the United States, despite Peking's current austerity policy.

In an interview published Friday by the official New China News Agency (NCNA), Ford said: "Both the United States and China have the requirements for their own security to meet the threat of any Soviet aggression."

We have also the responsibility of meeting that threat on a global basis. This requires that we — China and the United States — not only work together bilaterally, but seek to work with other nations to thwart the territorial ambitions of the Soviet Union," he said.

Mrs. Gandhi reshuffles top officials in India

NEW DELHI, March 27 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India has reshuffled top officials of four Indian territories and one region in a surprise move. Delhi Lt. Governor Jag Mohan, a close ally of Mrs. Gandhi's son, Sanjay, who was killed in a plane crash last summer, was transferred to the southwestern territory of Goa, Daman and Diu. His transfer followed the ouster last week of Indian Civil Supplies Minister V.C. Shukla, another close confidant of Sanjay.

India's 22 states are headed by governors and the nine territories by lieutenant governors. The roles of these top officials are largely ceremonial except in situations where there is no elected local government in power, the case in Delhi.

N.P. Mathur and Pratap Singh Gill, lieutenant governors of Mizoram and Goa, have been replaced. Adm. S.N. Kohli, former chief of India's naval staff, was appointed in Mathur's place. Pondicherry Lt. governor Ram Kishore Vyas was promoted governor of India's five northeastern states. He succeeds L.P. Singh, who retired from his job.

Meanwhile, Farooq Abdullah, son of Chief Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah of the northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, was Thursday elected president of the state's ruling National Conference Party. The 75-year-old chief minister, regarded as a legendary figure in Indian politics, had announced last January that he would abdicate the party presidency in favor of his son.

who is a member of the national parliament.

In unrelated developments in India, one person was stoned to death, another was fatally stabbed and a third succumbed to injuries Thursday in the violence-torn Gujarat state as student-police clashes continued in several towns. The United News of India (UNI) reported. A 35-year-old village council president was shot dead by an unidentified assailant in the western state's Surendranagar district, the agency said. It was not immediately known if the killing was linked to the current youth agitation against a reservation system for lower castes.

U.S. space shuttle inspection delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 27 (AP) — A crucial test of the space shuttle Columbia's towering fuel tank apparently produced no major problems Wednesday, but a final "hands-on" inspection was delayed until after a second fueling operation Friday, NASA officials said.

The loading of 1.65 million pounds of bitterly cold liquid fuels into the 154-foot-tall tank resulted in no visible damage to cork insulation panels on the tank's aluminum skin, according to technicians conducting a visual inspection.

Space agency officials expect to set a specific launch date in early April if no further problems are encountered with the once-damaged tank.

Cancer scanner to be used soon

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, March 27 (AP) — Scientists soon will begin large-scale human tests of a new ultrasonic scanner they say will detect breast cancer without the radiation risks of X-rays. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, have said that early tests of the system show that diagnoses based on its images rival those of X-ray mammography.

Dr. James F. Greenleaf said the scanner avoids the potential radiation risks of X-rays and also operates with an intensity of ultrasound energy far below levels known to cause any harmful effects. "Therefore, patients can be scanned every few months if necessary," he told an American Cancer Society seminar here Wednesday.

Without the risk of radiation, he added, patients could be scanned throughout their reproductive years with no fears of being pregnant and inadvertently exposing the unborn to X-rays. Unlike conventional ultrasonic scanners, which make images by bouncing sound waves off objects, the new device is computer-assisted to give multiple cross-section images.

When using the ultrasonic for breast surveys, the patient lies on a bed with a hole in it. One of her breasts goes through a hole into a pool of water, which conducts the sound waves into the tissue. The speed at which sound travels through cancerous tissue usually is higher than the speed through normal tissue, and the machine detects and displays these variations.



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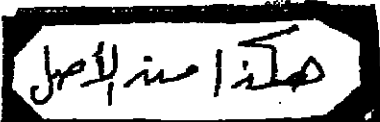
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Muslims evacuate Filipino island

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, March 27 (AP) — Nearly 3,000 Muslim civilians have fled their homes on the southern island of Basilan in the face of a continuing military operation against Muslim fighters, officials said.

Basilan Provincial Council coordinator Hadji Idayat Iddilis said Thursday the mass evacuation began Sunday and he expects more departures by civilians who fear being caught in the crossfire. Basilan, a small island 6 kms from Zamboanga and 880 kms south of Manila, was the site of a government military operation last month against Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) fighters.

The MNLF spearheads an eight-year-old revolt for Muslim self-rule in the southern Philippines. Iddilis, in a report to the Regional Executive Council which administers Muslim affairs in the south, said the evacuations occurred in the towns of Sumisip and Santawan and on the Basilan isles of Bubuan and Pilas.

The evacuees are now housed in schools in the Basilan capital town of Isabela, 11 kms west of Lamitan where two civilians were killed and nine wounded in the raids.

The military launched the operation last February. Basilan local officials said it has resulted in the confiscation of several rearms from Muslim residents, including local militia.

In Manila, a military spokesman denied Thursday rumors circulating in Zamboanga that 2,000 persons, including soldiers, self-ule fighters and civilians, had died in separate military operations in nearby Pata island. Army troops launched a massive manhunt in its following the massacre of 119 soldiers, including six officers, Feb. 12.



SOVIET DESTROYER: The Udaloy, a Soviet destroyer of a hitherto unknown type, is undergoing test runs in the Baltic Sea. The ship has an overall length of 160 meters and is estimated at 8,500 tons. The armament includes surface-to-air and anti-submarine missiles, guns and two submarine-hunt helicopters.

Leftists blamed

Blast damages Honduras assembly

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, March 27 (AP) — A powerful bomb has exploded in the legislative palace here as the 71 members of the Constituent Assembly opened a work session. Authorities said three persons were injured, one seriously.

The assembly, elected last year, is preparing a constitution to be used for Honduras' scheduled return to civilian rule after 17 years of military government. A government spokesman blamed the left Thursday for the attack but did not say how he knew that.

There are no known active Honduran guerrilla groups, although leftists from neighboring El Salvador have claimed responsibility for terrorist acts and kidnappings here in the past. The building also contained about 1,000 teachers and students who were demonstrating in favor of official government recognition of 17 secondary schools, operating in

the country. The government says it cannot afford to pay subsidies to so many schools.

The bomb went off as assembly President Efraim Bugiron was asking the demonstrators to leave, police said. The bomb on the fourth floor of the six-floor structure blew out windows and damaged about 10 cars parked below.

Police broke up the demonstration after the blast and arrested at least 10 persons. The students and teachers have been putting pressure on the moderate military government of Gen. Policarpo Paz Garcia for two weeks to achieve their demands and have tied up the major streets of the capital with demonstrations.

In Danli, 125 miles southeast of the capital, other students occupied a radio station to demand immediate government intervention in the school situation.

BRIEFS

WARSAW, (R) — A Soviet-built Antonov-24 airliner crashed on approaching the runway of Shupsk airport in northern Poland Thursday night, injuring at least 19 persons, the official PAP news agency reported.

LAGOS, (AP) — The Nigerian government is planning to recruit foreign doctors, but not in an attempt to tackle the 24-day-old strike by the country's own doctors, the News Agency of Nigeria reported Friday.

PARIS, (AP) — Police have recovered about half of an estimated \$2 million worth of 18th century miniature paintings and arrested a Romanian refugee in connection with their theft from a Paris museum last summer, authorities said Thursday.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, (AP) — Ten hooded men blew up the offices of the opposition newspaper *Tribuna de Imprensa* with dynamite bombs early Thursday, police said. There were no injuries.

Madrid talks slowdown blamed on Soviet Union

MADRID, March 27 (R) — The United States has said it would resume criticism of Soviet policy on human rights and Afghanistan at the European Security Review Conference if the long-stalled meeting did not finish before April 10. Chief U.S. delegate Max Kampelman made this clear to reporters in response to Soviet charges of Western time-wasting and obstruction at the East-West meeting in Madrid, which has already run three weeks beyond schedule.

"If we do not finish up and we have to come back again we shall discuss again the whole area of implementation and human rights," said Kampelman, Thursday. The 35-state conference began last November and the first phase, up to Dec. 25, was spent reviewing the implementation of the 1975 Helsinki detente accords, signed at the first European security meeting.

The United States and its Western partners used that part of the conference to criticize

the Soviet Union for its policy on human rights and its military intervention in Afghanistan. The second part of the meeting, which began last Jan. 27, has been devoted to discussion of new proposals designed to revive East-West detente.

Kampelman said movement at the second stage of the conference had been "microscopic" and blamed the Soviet side for a "prolonged and deliberate slowdown." But he said the U.S. delegation was prepared to stay in Madrid "until our work is completed."

At an earlier press conference, Soviet delegation leader Leonid Ilyichov said an "icy wind" was blowing from the new U.S. administration. He said of the Western stance at the Madrid conference: "we come across some elements of obstruction, delays and simply time-wasting." He said his delegation attached greater importance to obtaining positive results from the meeting than to fixing a deadline for its conclusion.

In biggest shakeup

Romania removes two top officials

BUCHAREST, March 27 (AP) — Romania announced the removal of two top officials and changes in four other positions in its biggest government shakeup since 1979. Longtime economic planning chief Nicolae Constantiu was removed from his job and was to get unspecified "new tasks" in his function as one of Romania's nine vice premiers.

Finance Minister Paul Niculescu, another vice premier, was also removed, the state news agency Agerpres said. No new duties were given for Niculescu, a long-time aide of Romania's powerful party and government leader, President Nicolae Ceausescu.

The key changes appeared aimed at new efforts to resolve Romanian economic problems. Prime Minister Ilie Verdet was quoted by Agerpres as telling the country's Parliament the moves were to produce "more

judicious" functioning of the government.

Electricity Minister Gheorghe Cioara was shifted to second-level post in the Romanian National Council of Science and Technology, which is headed by Ceausescu's wife Elena. Maxim Berghianu, a member of the top leadership of Romania's Communist Party, was named Romania's labor minister, filling a job vacant since February.

Ion Stanescu, a leading official in the Ministry of Industrial Construction, was shifted to a similar position in the Ministry of Chemical Industry. Marin Capisizu was named to replace Berghianu as state secretary and foodstuffs chief in the Ministry of Agriculture.

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To deal crippling blow

OAU to plug chinks in oil ban on S. Africa

DARES SALAAM, Tanzania, March 27 (AP) — The Organization of African Unity was reported Thursday to have drawn up plans to plug what it says are loopholes in an oil embargo of South Africa by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The plans are said to call for African nations to ban oil tankers bound for South Africa from using their ports and for African oil producing nations to refuse to sell to oil companies known to be supplying South Africa.

The OAU plan is aimed at crippling South Africa's industrial and military sectors by cutting off oil supplies, informed sources said. They said the OAU's sanctions committee at a meeting in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha last week drew up a list of 12 measures to be taken against the white-ruled republic.

The list will be presented to the OAU heads of state conference in Nairobi next June for approval and will later form the basis for an African effort to secure a United Nations oil embargo.

South Africa, whose apartheid policies for separate racial development are anathema to black African states, imports three-quarters of its oil. The plans also include proposals for more careful monitoring of ship movements and creation of an oil stockpile to aid Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho, the sources said. The four countries depend on South Africa for oil imports.

The plans also will form the basis of an African-backed resolution in the United Nations calling for a worldwide oil embargo

against South Africa, the sources said. The resolution is likely to win approval in the U.N. general assembly despite opposition from the United States and some other Western countries, the sources predicted.

They said the OAU sanctions committee's proposals on African ports and African oil sales were planned to take effect six months after the United Nations passed the oil sanctions resolution.

The sources said the committee's recommendations aimed at applying pressure in two main areas. The first is members of the 13-nation OPEC oil cartel have endorsed the OPEC oil boycott against South Africa, but have failed to enforce it.

The second is Liberia. One third of the tankers which go to South Africa sail under Liberia's flag of convenience, said a recently released study by the Amsterdam-based shipping research bureau. The study added that despite the OPEC embargo, 150 tankers — an average of one every five days — called at Durban and Cape Town between January 1979 and March 1980. Several researchers who worked on the study gave evidence at the Arusha meeting, the sources said.

The sources described the Liberian delegation at the meeting as "Extremely defensive," but said the OAU hoped Liberia could be persuaded to impose the desired restrictions. The plans also include proposals to assist Mozambique. Its ports will have to handle much more oil if an effective embargo is imposed against South Africa, the sources said.

Iraq pumping 200,000 BPD of oil via Syria

DAMASCUS, March 27 (AP) — Iraqi oil exports through the northern Syrian port of Baniyas, cutoff at the start of the Iran-Iraq war six months ago, have increased to 200,000-240,000 barrels daily, official sources said Thursday.

Iraq resumed pumping to Syria from its northern fields at Kirkuk at an initial level of 50,000 barrels on Feb. 26, and the volume has been gradually increased since then, the sources said. They said the volume moving through Syria would continue to increase to a level of about 300,000-350,000 barrels daily.

In Beirut, Lebanon, industry sources said Iraq was expected to resume pumping to the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli in the near future. Tripoli is expected to handle about 200,000 barrels daily.

Howe foresees end of recession in U.K.

LONDON, March 27 (R) — Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe has said that Britain was approaching the end of its recession, widely recognized as the worst since the 1930s slump.

"I would expect the bottom to be reached sometime in the first half of this calendar year. That is the best judgment that can be made," he testified Thursday to a parliamentary finance committee.

The immediate reaction to Sir Howe's statement was that share prices surged Thursday on the London stock exchange.

Bonn records jump in exports to Moscow

BONN, March 27 (AFP) — Exports of West German farm products to the Soviet Union increased four-fold in 1980, in comparison with 1979, the agriculture ministry said Friday.

The share of farm products and foodstuffs in the total picture of West German exports to the Soviet Union went from two to nine per cent.

The agricultural deliveries mostly involved sugar (29 per cent of the total for farm exports), milled products, especially flour (28 per cent), butter (21 per cent) and meat (16 per cent).

Deadline set

EEC favors linking aid to steel output cuts

BRUSSELS, March 27 (R) — The European Common Market's industry ministers called Friday for all state subsidies to its loss-making steel industry to be linked to cuts in capacity, but failed to agree on a new deadline for phasing out the aids.

At the end of a 16-hour meeting marked by sharp exchanges between the West German and Italian delegations, the ministers agreed that an overall reduction in capacity was vital if prices were to be improved. But, in an apparent rejection of West German demands for more stringent measures, the ministers endorsed a decision earlier this month to set a July 1, 1983, deadline for the introduction of new aid schemes.

They did not set a terminal date for any new subsidies, despite earlier proposals that they should not run for more than three years. "Before fixing a timetable for eliminating the aids, we needed an assurance that EUROFER (The EEC Steelmakers' Association) would reach an agreement on production cuts," French Industry Minister Andre Giraud told journalists.

Earlier this month, ministers gave EEC steelmakers an April 1 deadline for reaching a voluntary agreement on production cuts. The steelmakers said they reached the basis of an agreement in Luxembourg last Sunday and would confer again this weekend to try to meet the ministers' ultimatum.

The ministers said that any new aid programs should be linked to coherent restructuring programs and contribute to a cut in the community's total capacity.

"No aid may be approved for companies or groups of companies, which would increase the net production of a product for which the market is not growing," they said.

West Germany has said that unless state subsidies were quickly eliminated it would

break the Common Market in steel by taxing EEC steel imports. Its industry minister Otto Lambsdorff declined all comment on the resolution, which appeared to fall short of this West German demand.

West Germany claims the market is flooded with subsidized steel, notably from Italy and the EEC Commission has said that subsidies have helped to maintain a capacity

which will exceed demand by 25 million tons in 1983.

The ministers' resolution said that aids would be allowed for modernization and, if necessary, "Financial restructuring." This appeared to be a concession to Italy, which has argued that a \$5.8 billion aid package for its public sector steel industry was largely made up of capital injections and the servicing of debts.

U.S. to save \$160m by payment delay

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's administration has said that it is seeking a budget reduction of \$160 million for the year beginning next October by shifting payments to 45 international organizations to the end of the calendar year. The gradual shift is expected to bring similar cuts for the following three years.

"They can manage, but it will be some strain, I don't deny it," said Marion V. Creekmore, Jr., acting assistant secretary of state for international organizations.

He was testifying before the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on International Operations, which is part of the Foreign Affairs Committee. The president's budget requests are subject to approval by Congress.

Representatives Edward Derwinski said that United Nations has sometimes had trouble meeting its payroll because of slow payments by the Soviet Union and some governments he called "deadbeats." He is a former U.S. delegate to the United Nations.

He recalled that the United States, France and the Scandinavian countries have found the money for "pre-payment" to get out of the difficulty.

This will now be harder to do, with U.S.

payments no longer on a quarterly basis.

Derwinski asked if the new financial constraint has anything to do with the policies of the John Birch Society, which he described as "get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States."

Creekmore replied: "I believe the United Nations to be an important vehicle of U.S. foreign policy."

In his prepared statement for the committee, Creekmore said: "This new payment cycle should help create a financial environment within the organizations which will impress on them the United States concern about their increasing budgets."

He said that for the year beginning Oct. 1, the administration is asking \$563 million for his area, including \$494 million for the 45 international organizations. For peacekeeping activities there is a request of \$60 million with \$8.2 million for international conferences and contingencies.

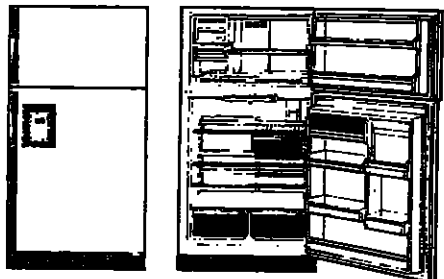
In an interview after his testimony, Creekmore said the State Department will take another six to nine months to review its membership in the 45 organizations. Then it will make recommendations about continuing U.S. membership.

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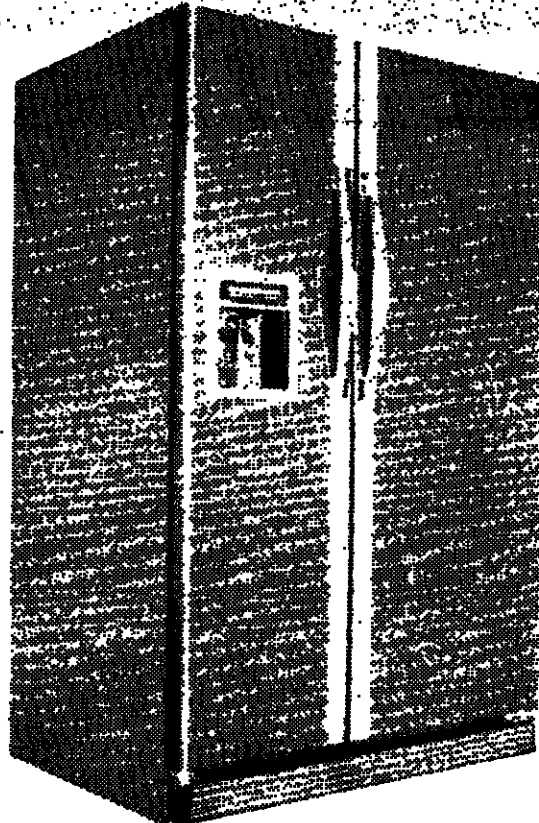
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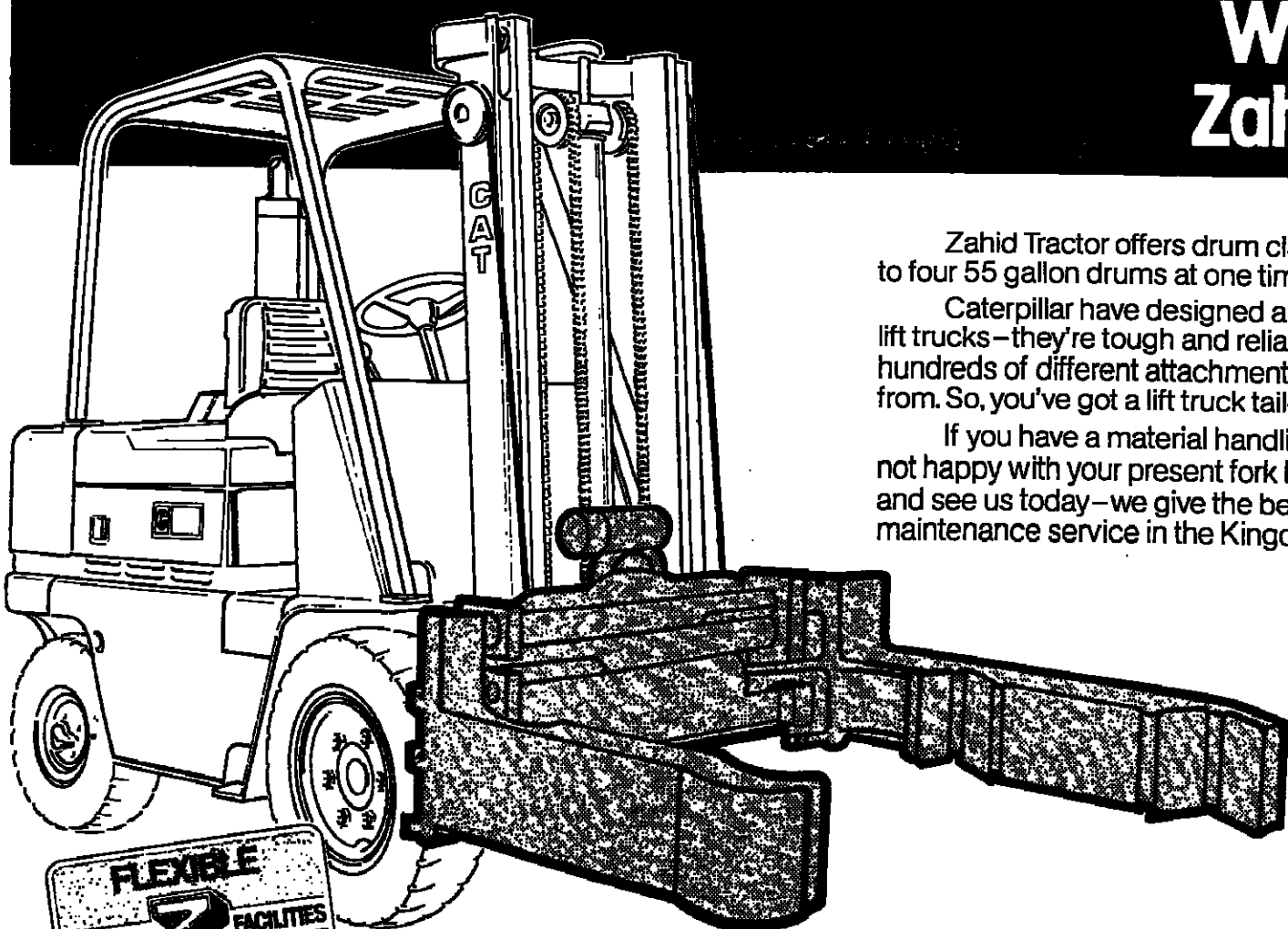
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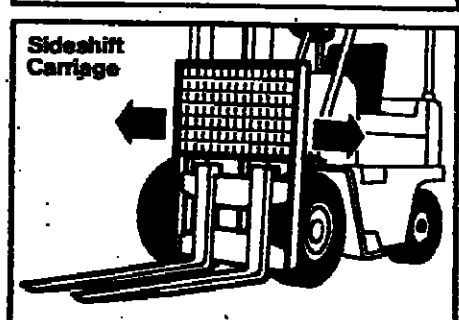
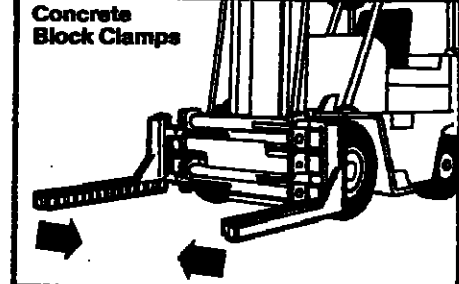
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Union faces split

U.S. coal miners go on strike

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — The United Mine Workers went on strike at 12:01 a.m. (0501 GMT) Friday as union president Sam Church sought the support of the union's 160,000 members for a proposed contract agreement in an effort to keep the walkout brief.

In Ohio, 250 miners who jumped the gun were already on strike to protest terms of the proposal. Union members are to vote on the contract Tuesday. With opposition growing in the coalfields, Church had his work cut out for him in the attempt to gather backing for the proposed contract.

The new agreement negotiated with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association calls for a 36 per cent raise over the next three years, a dental plan and increased pensions. But the economic gains were accomplished through trade-offs on job security issues, including elimination of royalties coal companies pay on non-union coal.

Church opened his seven-state, five-day

campaign Thursday in Pittsburgh, where he predicted the contract will be ratified by 65 per cent of the miners. "I'm sure that when they look at this package we'll get a great majority — a big vote," he said.

Later, at a meeting with union officials in southwestern Pennsylvania, district 5 board member Steve Segredi told reporters in Church's presence that he would vote against the contract because of the concession on non-union coal.

"We're giving up job security in the future," Segredi said. "It will not only divide us, there will be no UMW." Church countered that the union made a "very good trade-off" by winning increased pension benefits in return. "I don't think it's going to mean one job to the union," he said.

Meanwhile, coal companies prepared for the strike. In Indiana, employees of Amax Inc. — the nation's third largest coal producer — began parking machinery and cleaning out storage silos. "We're not going to be

moving in or storing any coal," said Amax spokesman Doug Matyka.

The miners will be briefed on the contract proposal during district and local meetings beginning Friday. But miners engaged in the Ohio wildcat strike were "reacting to some of the things they've already heard about the tentative agreement," said Tim Lyons, president of UMW local OYIT.

Much of the opposition in the coalfields focused on the issue of allowing non-union coal to be processed in UMW plants under which the operators would no longer have to pay \$1.90 royalty into the UMW pension fund on each ton of non-union coal processed.

Other provisions criticized by miners include a two-year limit on recall rights for laid-off miners and a 45-day probationary period for new employees. Union officials say the probationary period was a trade-off for elimination of the National Arbitration Review Board, which the union said favored coal operators in grievance cases.

Church said the royalty provision, designed in part to protect union jobs, was traded away in return for lot of money, specifically a new 100-dollar-a-month pension for miners' widows to be paid by companies through higher royalties on UMW-mined coal.

Church said that since royalties were placed on non-union coal in 1964, they have generated \$52 million for the union. He said the increased pension benefits in the tentative agreement would be worth \$300 million over the course of the three-year contract.

Company spokesmen declined to corroborate Church's figures, and have been reluctant to talk about any of the contract's details.

Talks to upgrade Arab money markets begin

KUWAIT, March 27 (AP) — Leading Arab and international financiers and foreign exchange experts opened a three-day meeting here Friday to discuss ways of upgrading Arab financial markets.

The meeting also was to explore ways of handling a growing percentage of Arab surplus petrodollars, with a view to directing them to relevant investment areas. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Inter-Arab Cambist Association, and was to conduct a reappraisal of the international monetary system and suggest reforms, sources said.

Key participants were Muhammad El-Emadi, president of the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Jawad Hashem, president of the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund and chairman of the Arab Banking Organization Abdel Wahab Al-Tammar.

These men, along with others, were to explore the role of Arab funds in activating region economies and extending develop-

Kuwait denies move to sell oil to Russia

KUWAIT, March 27 (AP) — A senior official of the oil ministry was quoted Friday as flatly denying that Kuwait will supply the Soviet Union with crude oil.

"There have been no contracts whatever in this respect between the Soviet Union and Kuwait," the newspaper *Al-Qabas* quoted the unnamed official as saying. "And the Soviets have not approached us for this purpose."

The paper said the official was reacting to a report by a London-based newspaper, which had claimed the Soviets were to buy large quantities of Kuwait crude for re-export to Turkey.

The official refused to say if Kuwait would sell oil to the Soviets if they asked for it. Oil circles in London had speculated on what was described as the first oil deal ever between the Soviets and a conservative Arab country, claiming that Kuwait was to sell 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to the Soviets who were to reship that to Turkey to offset its loss of oil supplies as a result of the Iraq-Iran war.

Iraq, Belgium sign economic agreement

BRUSSELS, March 27 (AP) — Belgium and Iraq have signed an economic cooperation agreement to strengthen trade links between the two countries.

The agreement was signed in Brussels by Belgium's Foreign Trade Minister Robert Urbain and his Iraqi colleague Hassan Ali. In 1980 Belgium exported 9.5 billion francs (\$387 million) worth of goods to Iraq and imported 11 billion francs (\$333 million) worth of products.

ment aid to Arab oil have-not states and Third World countries.

Also attending was Dennis Weatherston, vice-chairman of the U.S. Morgan Guaranty Trust. He was to tell the meeting if the international monetary system calls for revision. The meeting was opened by Kuwait's Finance and Planning Minister Abdel Latif

Trade with West

Russia nets \$145m surplus

MOSCOW, March 27 (R) — Rising world prices of oil and gas last year gave the Soviet Union what is probably its first trade surplus with the West and Japan, Western trade experts have said.

Official figures in the weekly *Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta* Thursday show that Soviet exports to developed non-communist countries in 1980 totalled 15.8 billion roubles (\$22.4 billion dollars), 100 million roubles (\$14.5 million) more than imports.

The Soviet Union had a large trade deficit with the West and Japan until 1979 when soaring revenues from sales of oil and other raw materials helped it cut this by two thirds. Records dating back as far as the early 1960s show large deficits. Earlier figures are not available.

Western experts said the turnaround leading to last year's surplus reflected the steady rise up to the end of 1980 in the price of oil and gas, both of which Moscow sells to Western Europe. The Soviet weekly's only reference to its energy exports in its survey of foreign trade was that a big part had been played in the Soviet performance by exports of oil, gas and other energy products.

Last year Moscow had a deficit of 700 million roubles (\$1 billion) with the West and Japan. Western trade experts said the U.S. grain embargo imposed at the beginning of 1980 in retaliation for Soviet intervention in Afghanistan had also contributed to last year's surplus.

Trade turnover between the United States and the Soviet Union dropped from 2.8 billion roubles (\$4.0 billion) in 1979 to 1.5 billion roubles (\$2.12 billion) last year. West Germany was Moscow's biggest Western trading partner last year with a turnover rising by almost 40 per cent to 5.8 billion roubles (\$8.2 billion) compared with 4.2 billion roubles

(\$5.7 billion) in 1979.

Finland occupied second place with a trade turnover of 3.9 billion roubles (\$5.5 billion) and France was third with 3.75 billion roubles (\$5.3 billion), a 40 per cent increase over 1979. Trade with Britain and Japan dropped because of "artificial obstacles", the report said, referring to their support for the U.S.-led trade embargo. The Soviet weekly said its leading Western trading partners had pursued "an independent, realistic course" in deepening links of mutual cooperation with the Soviet Union. Most Western European countries gave only partial support for the embargo.

EEC to monitor Soviet shipping

BRUSSELS, March 27 (AP) — The European Economic Community will monitor rates charged by Soviet freighters bound for Asia and will retaliate with protectionist action if the survey proves Soviet prices are unfairly low, the EEC has said.

In a statement issued Wednesday in preparation for a meeting of EEC transport ministers, the community said it would monitor the freight charges between member countries and eight Asian countries from July 1 to the end of 1982.

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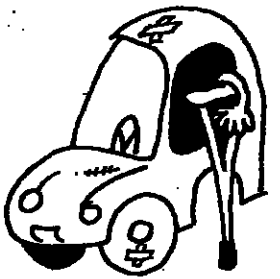
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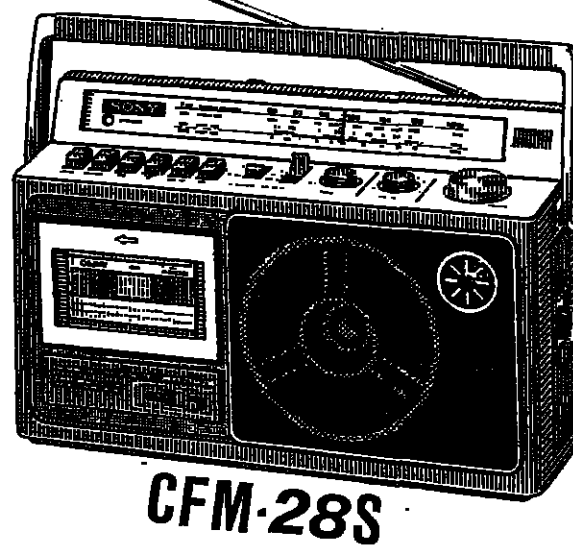
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In Heritage Classic

Watson takes one-stroke lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 27 (AP) — Tom Watson, rebounding from his poorest performance in years, birdied three of his last four holes for a 5-under-par 66 and a one-stroke lead Thursday in the first round of the \$300,000 Sea Pines-Heritage Classic.

"I made a little change in my stance, in my hip position," Watson said. "I closed them up a little bit and it gave me more freedom on my backswing. It's much more comfortable. I hadn't been comfortable over the ball for some time."

Watson, who shot an 80 in the second round of last week's tournament players championship, his high score in five years, said he made the little adjustment standing on the 15th tee at the 6,650-yard Harbor Town Golf Links.

And what, he was asked, was the result? "Birdie, birdie, birdie," smiled Watson.

The burst put him a single stroke in front of Gil Morgan, a non-practicing optometrist, alone in second at 67. Morgan has a share of

the top spot until he bogeyed the last hole, where he missed the green.

The starry group at 68 included Steve Baldestros, the young Spaniard who owns the masters title, former masters champ Fuzzy Zoeller, and Hale Irwin, a two-time winner of this prestigious event. Irwin, who had to battle back from a double-bogey on the 11th hole, one-putted 11 times.

Ray Floyd, winner of the last two PGA tour events, shot 69 — despite a double bogey — that left him in position to make a run for a rare third consecutive title.

"I made a mistake, an error in judgment, and it cost me a double bogey," Floyd said. "Except for that, I played a very good round of golf. I'm very, very pleased with the way I played."

The mistake came on the 17th, a par-3, where his tee shot landed in a short, wiry patch of weeds some five feet off the green and 20 feet from the flag. Floyd tried to chip it out — he said later he should have putted it — and got the club hung up in the weeds. The

ball moved only about five feet, and he 3-putted from there.

Also at that figure were Jerry Pate, veteran Don January, Bud Allin, Morris Hatafsky, Mark O'Meara, Brad Bryant, Gibby Gilbert and Jack Renner. Defending champion Doug Tewell shot 72, 1 over par, in the warm, sunny weather.

Watson, who missed the cut last week for the first time in two seasons, had to work hard for his lead.

"I'm very happy to shoot a 66," he said. But he was less than happy about the way he got there. He had to one-putt 13 times. "I did do some scrambling," he said. "Obviously I putted well, and I scrambled well, and I scored well."

"Obviously I haven't been playing well," said the man who won player of the year honors for the past four seasons but has been struggling all this year.

"I've had a bad setup. But golf is a funny game. Sometimes a little change like I made today is all it takes."



THE LEADER: Tom Watson of the United States collects the ball after having dropped a birdie.

Holland start as favorites

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 27 (AP) — Defending champion Holland, two-time runner-up Argentina, West Germany and Australia are the favorites in the 12-nation Women's World Cup Field Hockey playoffs starting here Friday.

Although a lack of continuous international competition in this amateur sport makes predictions difficult, most observers believe those four teams will reach the semi-finals after each nation plays five first-round matches.

Holland, Argentina and West Germany have dominated the three previous World Cups, which are organized by the International Hockey Federation. The Dutch triumphed in 1974 and 1978, and the Germans won the other title in 1976, before losing the 1978 final. Argentina, runnerup in the first two playoffs, tied Belgium for third in 1978. Australia is taking part in its first World Cup, after having finished fourth in the most recent championship of the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations. The Dutch also won that tournament, in 1979.

BRIEFS

LONDON, Ontario, (AFP) — Canada has carried here series of victories in the World Curling Championship to seven after beating Switzerland 8-3 here Thursday. In the other seventh round games Norway beat Sweden 7-6, the United States defeated Scotland 7-4 and Italy had a narrow 6-5 win over Denmark. France beat West Germany 6-5 to notch up a first win in the tournament.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The World Boxing Association flyweight champion, Peter Mathebula, said Thursday, he feels "real good" about defending his title now that black nationalists have dropped their opposition to the fight. Mathebula and Argentina challenger Santos Laciari, ranked 10th by the WBA, were both pronounced fit Thursday for Saturday's title bout.

LONDON, (R) — Australian Geoff Hunt begins his bid for a record eighth British Open Squash title Monday marred by doubts because of the incredible prowess of Pakistan prodigy Jahangir Khan. World champion Hunt, winner for the last six years, knows he can beat Qamar Zaman, Mohibullah Khan and the other leading Pakistan players.

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In all-England

Hartono scores fluent win over Misbun Sidek

WEMBLEY, England, March 27 (AP) — Top-seeded Liem Swie King scored a 15-10, 15-7 victory over Syed Modi of India Thursday to lead five Indonesian into the quarter-finals of the all-England Badminton championships at Wembley Arena.

Liem is bidding for his third title in four years. He won it in 1978 and 1979 but was beaten by Prakash Padukone of India in last year's final.

Rudy Hartono, also of Indonesia, who is going for his ninth all-England singles crown, had an easy 15-4, 15-11 victory over Misbun Sidek of Malaysia.

Third-seeded Luis Pongoh, fifth-seeded Hadyanto and unseeded Dahny Sarica were the other Indonesians to qualify for the last eight.

Norten Frost Hansen crushed Gary Scott of Britain 15-5, 15-3. Defending champion Prakash, a 15-6, 19-10 victory over Louk Sugiarto of Indonesia, and Britain's Kevin Jolly, who beat Kinji Zeniya of Japan 15-12, 15-6, were the other qualifiers for Friday's quarter-finals.

Lene Koppen of Denmark, bidding for her

third straight women's singles title, moved into the quarter-finals with a straightforward 11-1, 11-6 win over English junior Mary Leves.

The 27-year-old Copenhagen dentist now faces another Britain, unseeded Karen Bridge, in the last eight. Sun Ai Hwang of Korea, the 19-year-old no. 2 seed, was impressive in crushing Sunkio Kitada of Japan 11-1, 11-2.

Two young English players both extended seeds. Wiharjo Verawaty of Indonesia, the powerful world champion was taken to 11-6, 7-11, 11-8 by Sally Leadbeater. Sixth-seeded Yoshiko Yonckura of Japan scrapped past Helen Troke of Britain 11-6, 4-11, 11-8.

The tournament continues through Sunday and the lineup for the men's singles: Liem Swie King vs Kevin Jolly, Morten Frost Hansen vs Hadyanto, Prakash Padukone vs Luis Pongoh, Dahny Sarica vs Rudy Hartono, Women's Singles: Lene Koppen vs Karen Bridge, Yunja Kim vs Wiharjo Verawaty, Yos Iko Yonckura vs Ivana Lie Ing Hoa; Lane Webster vs Sun Ai Hwang.

Wales soccer manager optimistic

LONDON, March 27 (Agencies) — Mike England, the Wales team manager, never takes anything for granted. But he now believes that his team's 1-0 victory against Turkey in Ankara Wednesday has given the team an outstanding chance of qualifying for the World Cup Soccer finals in Spain next year. Wales now lead Group Three with eight points from four games and a goal difference of 10 against.

England has maintained all season that 11 points should be enough to qualify for one of the top two places, but has now set his sights on first place.

He said: "Neither Russia nor Czechoslovakia will find it easy to win, so if we can beat Russia in Wrexham on May 30 I don't think anyone will be able to catch us."

Wales still have to play Russia home and away, Czechoslovakia in Prague and Iceland at home. Two points seem certain from the Iceland game so England's confidence that Wales can qualify for the finals for the first time since 1958 seems highly justified.

Meanwhile, Brazil and Venezuela meet in Goiania Sunday for a World Cup Soccer match which the Brazilians have stripped of interest by already making sure of a place in the finals.

By beating Bolivia 3-1 in Rio last Sunday — their third win in three matches — they sealed up South American qualifying Group

One and became the first country to qualify beside hosts Spain and holders Argentina for the 24-team finals.

Venezuela put up sturdy resistance when Brazil beat them 1-0 in Caracas last month and are eager to take a point from their mighty neighbors, which would push Bolivia into third and last place in the group.

Brazilian manager Tele Santana intended to use the game to give some of his reserves a match but the National Sports Federation has insisted that he turn out a full strength team.

Austria, Belgium, Italy and Wales are lead-

ing the race in Europe for places in the 1982 finals in Spain.

Austria, Italy and Wales all have 100 per cent records and have not conceded a goal thus far. Belgium has dropped only one point in five games.

Next year 24 countries will compete in the finals, instead of 16 as in past World Cup tournaments. They will include 14 European teams — two from each of the first six groups in the European qualifying zone, one from Group Seven, and the host country, Spain, which does not have to qualify.

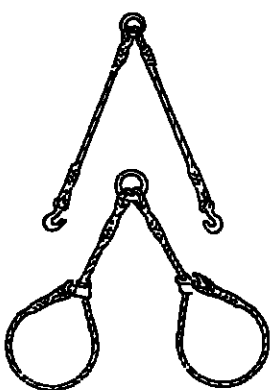
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West Germany	1	1	0	0	3	1	2		Norway	1	3	1	3	4	1	3	
Albania	4	1	0	3	3	9	2		Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	
Finland	3	0	0	3	0	6	0		Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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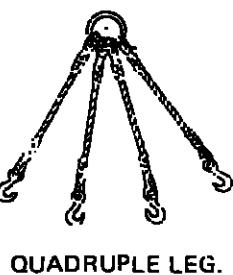


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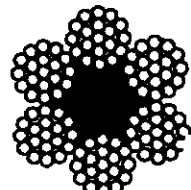
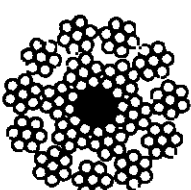
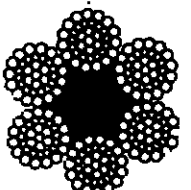


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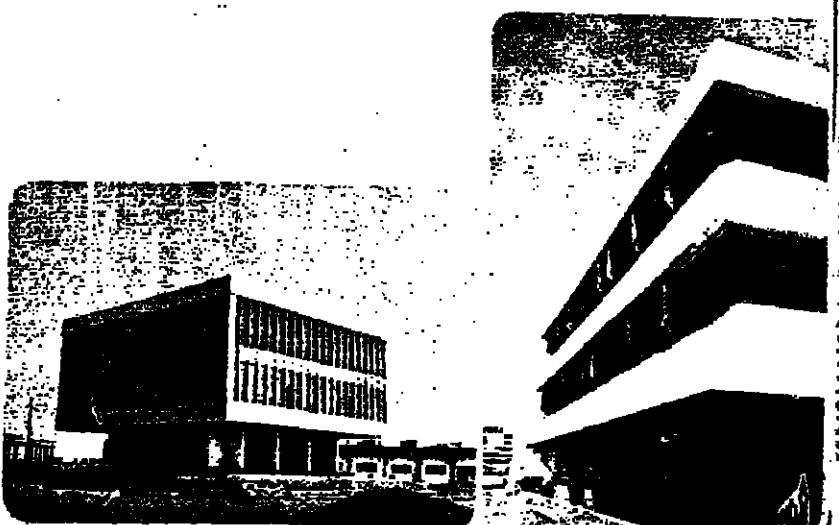
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Kirchner splashes Longhorns ahead

AUSTIN, Texas March 27 (AP) — Senior Kris Kirchner pulled off a surprise victory in the 50-yard freestyle and then anchored his Texas team's 400-yard medley relay to an American record as the Texas Longhorns took the lead Thursday night in the 58th NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Swimming and Diving Championships.

With Clay Britt eclipsing John Nabor's American record of 49.31 by 20-hundredths of a second in the 100-yard backstroke, the Longhorns outlasted second-place Southern Methodist in the final event of the night. UCLA finished third.

Texas had 65 points at the end of the first evening of the three-day meet with UCLA just two points behind. Florida was third with 49 points, SMU had 43, Auburn 32, and defending champion California-Berkeley and Southern Cal each had 32.

UCLA's William Barrett got the Bruins off to a flying start with an American record of 1:45.01 in the 200 yards individual medley, breaking his record of 1:45.29 established in

the prelims.

But Kirchner answered back for the Longhorns by just out-touching UCLA's Robin Leamy in the 50 yards freestyle. Kirchner's winning time was 19.66 to Leamy's 19.68. Leamy had established an American record in the time trials at 19.36.

Texas' American record of 3:12.93 brought a tremendous roar from the pro-Longhorn crowd jammed into Texas swimming center. SMU was second in 3:14.65 while UCLA was third at 3:15.01. The Longhorn swimming order which beat the old record of 3:14.59 held by Texas was Britt, Scott Spann, William Paulis and Kirchner.

"We had a terrible morning session but really came back well in the evening," said Texas coach Eddie Reese. "We're right where we expected to be at this point. This is exactly what I thought would happen the first day." Barrett said the meet was far from over. "Texas is swimming well and Florida is hanging tough," said Barrett. "We're in good position."

Reid elected IANCS chief

MELBOURNE, March 27 (AP) — Former Australian Davis Cup squad member, Wayne Reid, was elected inaugural president of the International Association of National Confederations of Sport on Thursday.

Reid, 43 of Melbourne, defeated another Australian, Dr. Maureen O'Bryan, who was representing Canada, for the top post of the new body, set up with an initial membership of 42 countries. O'Bryan, a former Melbourne track and field and netball star, and Fred Pedersen, of the Danish Sports Federation, were elected vice presidents.

Great Britain's Peter Lawson is the first secretary-general of the assembly and New Zealander Graeme Brockett is treasurer.

Following his election, Reid said he did not see the body as rival to the International Olympic Committee. "We are all working for the one cause, we are all working in the interest of sport. There's no justification for thinking we are rivals," he said. Mr. Reid said he could see the assembly work-

ing with the IOC in future.

He said the IOC represented 26 sports while in Australia the Confederation of Australian Sport (of which Reid is also president) alone represented 115 sports. "And on an international basis we are talking of up to 200 sports," he said.

He said there was tremendous potential in the new assembly and, depending on the people who guided it, it could develop into the supreme body of world sport.

The number of member nations would swell soon to about 70 with the expected inclusion of more countries from Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Reid has had a long involvement with Australia sport and had international experience in representing Australia on the International Lawn Tennis Association for five years.

He was president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia for more than eight years and following that spent two years as president of North Melbourne Football Club.

U.S., Britain tops

Nieman emerges supreme

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 27 (AP) — Robert Nieman won five individual events and paced the U.S. men's 'A' team to the sweepstakes in the U.S. Invitational Pentathlon competition.

Kathy Taylor of Great Britain emerged as the women's winner and Great Britain took first place in the women's team standings in competition ending Wednesday.

The meet was scheduled by the U.S. Olympic Committee as an alternative to the boycotted 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow and drew competitors from 11 countries.

Overall scores reflected the athletes' prowess in equestrian, fencing, swimming, pistol-shooting and cross-country events.

Nieman, the world champion pentathlete in 1979, accrued 5,536 points over the five events and was paced by Jan Bartu of Czechoslovakia with 5,474 points. Also finishing in the top five were Tamas Szombathelyi and Attila Keszari of Hungary and D. Gienek of the United States.

The United States wound up with 16,327 points in final team standings followed by

Hungary with 16,214, Poland with 15,931, Great Britain, with 15,548, and Czechoslovakia with 15,428.

The British women were paced by teammates T. Purton with 4,928. Another British woman, W. Norman, came in third, followed by Tamiel Nielsen of Denmark and A. Lekander of Sweden.

Taylor and the British women racked up 14,816 points to take the team division, followed by the U.S. 'A' team with 14,129, Sweden with 13,831, West Germany with 13,803 and the U.S. 'B' team with 13,440.

In the fifth and final event Wednesday, A. Watson of Australia led the men's 4,000-meter run with 1,351 points, followed by M. Burley of the U.S. 'A' team with 1,346, J. Alexander of Canada, S. Sowerby of Great Britain and J. Olesinski of Poland rounded out the top five.

The women's 2,000-meter run was won by J. Hansen of the U.S. 'A' team with 1,269 points. Purton of Great Britain came in second with 1,255 points, outpacing Lekander, Norman and J. Savage of Great Britain.

Italy, E. Germany advance

ORTISEL, Italy, March 27 (AP) — Italy took a giant stride toward Group "A" of the World Ice Hockey Championship by beating Poland 4-1 Thursday night.

The Italians had particularly dreaded the encounter with Poland, who except for their initial failure against Switzerland, have been all-powerful.

The Italians went into the attack from the start and were rewarded with a goal after only 12 seconds though Cary Farelli. The Polish side taken unawares quickly rallied and equalized through Andrzej Zabawa.

In the siege of the Italian goal that followed goalkeeper Jim Corsi played a crucial role in the ultimate Italian victory. He stopped shots from far out and close in until the Italians were able to free themselves from the Polish grip and launch a counter attack which they saw pay off with two goals from Steve Cupolo and one long range shot from John Bellio.

Italy meets Japan next and East Germany on Sunday.

East Germany recovered well from their mistakes against the Swiss and defeated

Norway 6-3, their third victory in five matches.

They were ahead 3-1 into the second period but Norway came back to share a 3-3 scoreline. The East Germans made their winning move in the final period with three more goals two of them scored by the remarkable Harold Kuhnke.

The Swiss on the other hand could only manage a 4-4 draw with Yugoslavia. The Swiss had their goalkeeper Oliver Anke to thank that they were not beaten by the Yugoslavian team.

Romania won its first victory over the Japanese 5-1. The Japanese now look certain for a descent into Group "C". The team's last two matches are against Italy and Switzerland.

For Romania in the first period Laszlo Soloy (2:08), Constantin Nistro (5:51), Elod Antal (9:00) second period Alexandru Halauca (11:12) and third period Laszlo Soloy (17:17) scored. For Japan second period Yoshiaki Kano (12:33).

Butch Walts surprises eighth-seeded Smid

MILAN, Italy March 27 (AP) — Second-seeded John McEnroe of the United States served powerfully and fired long passing shots to beat Swiss star Heinz Gunthardt 6-2, 6-3 Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the WCT Cuore Tennis Cup.

McEnroe, 22, of Douglastown, N.Y., will play India's Vijay Amritraj in the quarterfinal of the \$200,000 tournament here. The American is headed for a possible showdown in the final Sunday against top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden.

McEnroe beat Gunthardt, 22, of Zurich, in 1 hour 23 minutes. Gunthardt fired long straight shot and often forced McEnroe to deuce. The victory was McEnroe's fifth straight triumph over Gunthardt.

The quarterfinal match between McEnroe and fifth-seeded Amritraj will be a repeat of last year's WCT final in Milan, which the American player won.

In another second-round match, unseeded Butch Walts of the United States displayed powerful serves and fine backhand passing shots and beat eighth-seeded Tomas Smid of

Czechoslovakia 7-6, 6-2. Meanwhile, the quarterfinal round of the \$50,000 Congoleum Invitational Friday will see only Roscoe Tanner remaining from the top five seeds in the tournament.

Top-seeded Tanner, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, survived his second-round match at Silverado Country Club with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Robert Van't Hof of Lynwood, California. But three other seeded players were upset, including Terry Moor of Memphis, Tennessee, who lost a 7-6, 4-6, 6-1 match to Stanford junior Tim Mayotte.

John Hayes of Greenwich, Connecticut, downed no. 3 seed Ramesh Krishnan of India 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, and Scott Davis from Santa Monica, California, knocked off no. 4 seed Phil Dent of Australia 6-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Mayotte scored an impressive victory over Jimmy Connors last September in the Transamerica Tournament in San Francisco and also reached the quarterfinals of that event.

The semifinals are slated for Saturday, with the finals set for Sunday.

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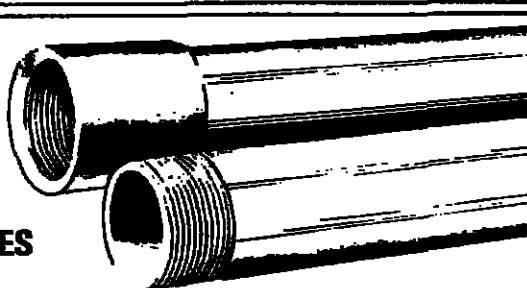
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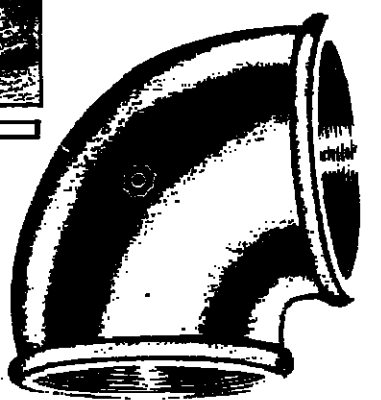


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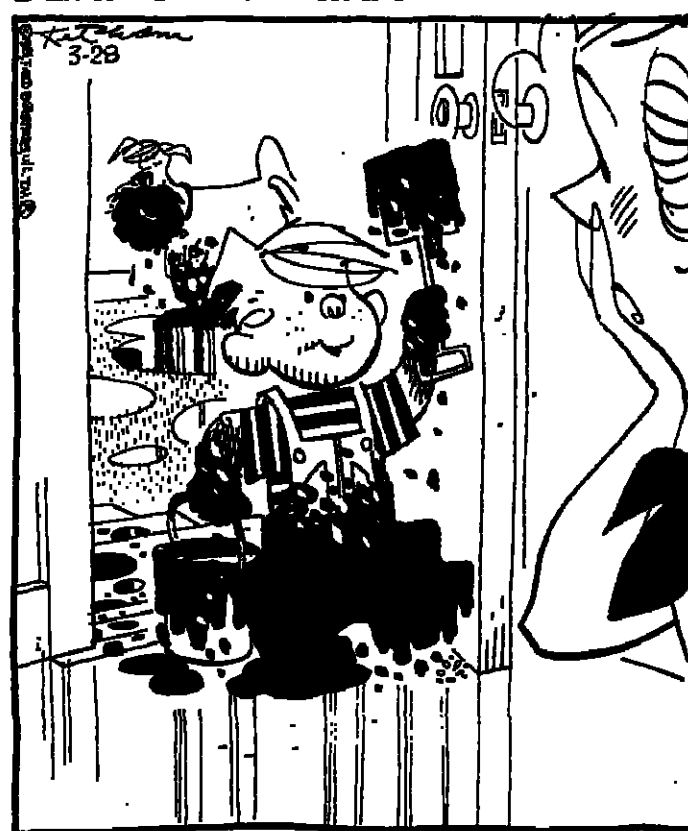
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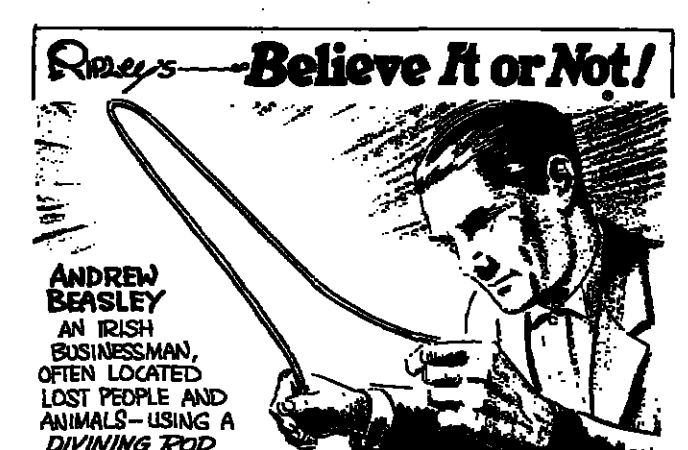
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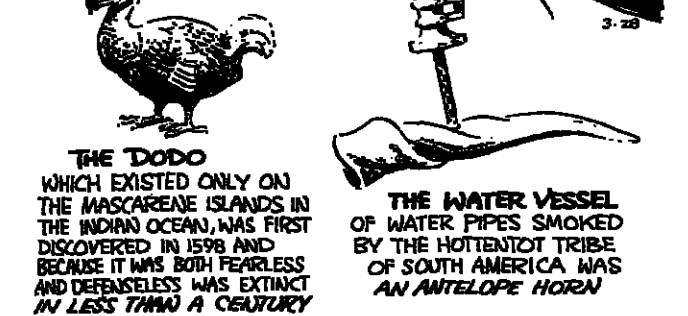
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FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

more, your judgment may be off when shopping. Safeguard your assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Follow through on promises to loved ones, or trouble will ensue. Canceling a planned entertainment could lead to repercussions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Either you or a loved one could be careless with health. Indulging in gossip could lead to subsequent arguments. Be silent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Watch obnoxious behavior at a party. You could make a fool of yourself and meet with unpleasant repercussions from others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Relatives, especially parents, will be upset if you beg off from an engagement that they had been especially looking forward to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Don't believe everything you hear now. Pay no heed to rumor or sly innuendo. Mind your own business and all will be well.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
If you back down on a promise to loan someone money, you'll meet with bitter recriminations. Follow through on commitments.

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Crossword

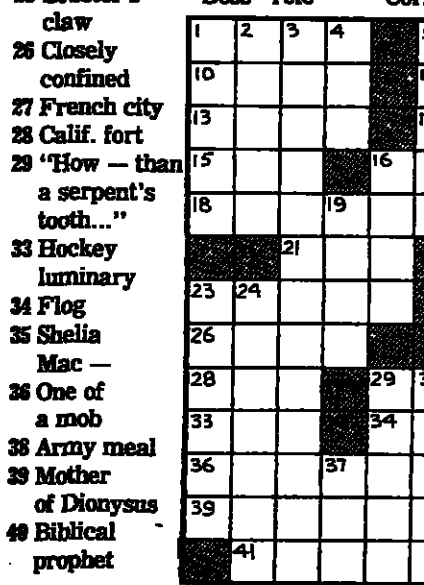
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17 Blunder
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20 Never,
21 Do wrong
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26 Closely
27 French city
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39 Army meal
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Yesterday's Answer

15 Dark red
16 Joust
17 Cook in
18 cream (var.)
19 Assuages
20 Adjust the
21 alarm clock
22 Asian
23 holiday
24 Extinct
25 bird



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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

QWFB FCP TPSS TCQC ERUUSQPE

FCPP TQFC TJFPV, ZJEF WB

E F B W P E — F J S H R M

Yesterday's Cryptquote: HAPPINESS SNEAKS IN THROUGH A DOOR YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU LEFT OPEN.—JOHN BARRYMORE

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

DEADMAN T.V. ARMENIA		P.M. 8:00 News Roundup		VOA		NEW SUMMERS		SAUDI RADIO/ENGLISH SERVICE		RADIO FRANCAISE		REAR		SATURDAY		Evening	
4:30 Children's Show		8:00 News Roundup		Reports: Achaia; Opinions: Analysis		10:30 VOC Masseur America: Letter Cultural; Letter		Afternoon Transmission		SECTION FRANCAISE DIEZDAH		Evening		Preparation 17960, 21945, 21790 (KERO)		Preparation 17960, 21945, 21790 (KERO)	
5:25 Kids From C.A.P.E.R.		8:30 Dateline News Summary		8:30 Dateline News Summary		11:00 Special English: News		Time Saturday		Langue(s) d'Action		Evening		Wednesday: 16.90, 16.91, 13.82 (meters)		Wednesday: 16.90, 16.91, 13.82 (meters)	
5:40 Safety Film		9:00 Special English		9:00 Special English		12:01 News: Feature: The Making of a Nation		2:01 News: Feature: The Making of a Nation		— FM 60 Megaphone: —		Evening		7:55 Religious Program		7:55 Religious Program	
5:49 Sports Spectacular		9:30 Music USA (Standards)		9:30 Music USA (Standards)		12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features music comments news analyses		2:06 Program Review		— Radio: 12.605 Megaphone dans le bande des 220m.		Evening		8:00 NEWS		4:46 Light Music	
6:16 Jacques Cousteau		10:00 News Roundup		10:00 News Roundup		10:05 Opening: Analysis		2:07 Gems of Guidance		Vocalises de la Musique du Samedi		Evening		8:10 Film Songs		5:15 Classical Music	
7:17 Little House on the prairie		10:05 Reports: Achaia		10:05 Reports: Achaia		10:05 Opening: Analysis		2:12 Light Music		8:00 News		Evening		8:30 Sports Round-up		5:45 Light Classical Music	
8:05 Carter Country		10:05 Opening: Analysis		10:05 Opening: Analysis		10:05 Opening: Analysis		2:15 On Islam		8:00 News		Evening		8:40 News		6:00 News	
8:28 Hart to Hart		10:05 Opening: Analysis		10:05 Opening: Analysis		10:05 Opening: Analysis		2:25 Light Music		8:00 News		Evening		8:40 News		6:15 News Review	
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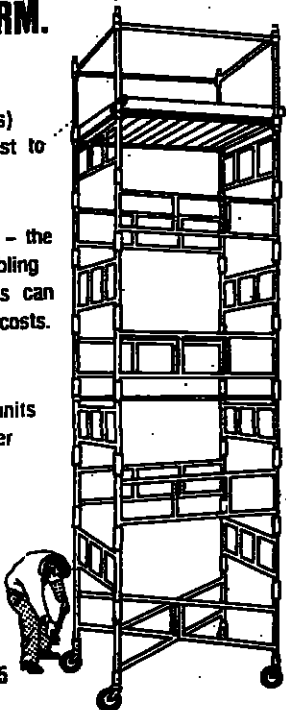
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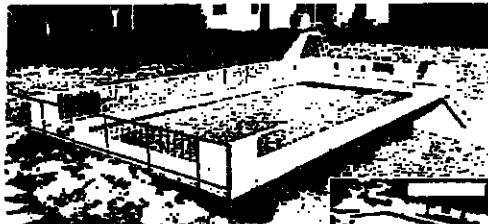
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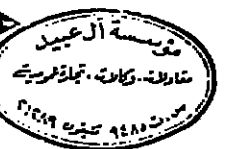
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Sahara conflict

Carter arms policy to Rabat reversed

WASHINGTON, March 27 (R) — The Reagan administration has said it had ended the link between arms sales to Morocco and pressure on King Hassan to seek a negotiated settlement of his desert war with Algerian-backed Polisario fighters. The link was established by the Carter administration under congressional pressure following objections to a proposal to sell planes and helicopters to Morocco, a longtime U.S. ally.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Morris Draper set out the new administration's policy when he told members of two subcommittees of the House of Representatives: "We will not...make decisions on military equipment sales explicitly conditional on unilateral Moroccan attempts to show progress toward a peaceful negotiated settlement." He said the new position recognized that "there are players other than Morocco" that could influence the outcome of the western Sahara dispute.

The previous administration's position was

set out last July in a letter from former Assistant Secretary of State Brian Atwood to Congressman Lee Hamilton, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. It said the American ambassador to Morocco had reported that King Hassan "is aware of the linkage and knows that we want to see our supply of arms proceed in parallel with movement toward a peaceful solution of the western Sahara dispute."

Hamilton Wednesday accused the Reagan administration of "tilting" toward Morocco in the war. Draper said it was not a tilt "in the sense of tilting toward a preferred outcome" to the war on which the administration was neutral. That was also the position of the previous administration. But he added: "I think the present administration feels strongly that traditional old friends such as Morocco need additional support and consideration."

The formal statement on U.S. policy toward Morocco followed the administration's January announcement that it had approved a long-standing Moroccan request to buy 180 M-60 battle tanks. The tank decision came soon after completion of Algeria's successful role as an intermediary in negotiations on the freeing of U.S. hostages in Iran.

The former ambassador in Algiers, Ulrich Haynes, told the hearing that he had been instructed within 48 hours of the hostages' release to inform Algeria of the tanks decision and the start of deliveries to Morocco of counter insurgency helicopters ordered during the Carter administration. "No one was more surprised than I," he said, adding that the full significance of the action "has yet to be adequately explained to me."

Haynes urged a policy of linking arms sales to Morocco with express restrictions against their use in the western Sahara. Draper said it would not be tactically sound to use the M-60 tanks against the hit-and-run tactics of the Polisario fighters. He said the tanks were a reasonable response to the defense needs of Morocco which has five times fewer tanks than Algeria.

But the State Department official also said it was important for the United States to improve its relations with what he called the increasingly pragmatic Algerian leadership. "It would be shortsighted of the United States not to try to expand the improving, and mutually beneficial relations which have been developing between our two countries in the recent past," he said.



LOOTED TREASURE: Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo admires Wednesday a four-pound chunk of gold looted from Montezuma's treasure by Spanish conquistadors 460 years ago. The gold bar is worth more than \$32,000.

Binaisa balmes Tanzania

Troops guard Uganda capital

KAMPALA, March 27 (Agencies) — Ugandan army troops in camouflage uniforms reappeared on the streets of Kampala late Thursday guarding all strategic installations in the capital and manning land blocks at street corners. There were at least five road blocks in the city center by sunset. For the second day running, most people left their work early to go indoors before sunset, and the city looked desolate two hours before dusk.

Electricity cut off at midnight last Tuesday when the power line to Kampala was blown up, had still not been restored to most residential suburbs of the capital and the main industrial area. For the second consecutive day, no newspapers have appeared on the streets as all printing plants continued to be affected by the power cut.

Meanwhile, in New York, former Ugandan President Godfrey Binaisa spoke to an

Man shot in Basque

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, March 27 (AP) — A man was shot dead in his car early Friday in the Basque town of Alegria de Ordia, police sources said. They said gunmen stopped the car, locked a woman passenger in the boot and shot the driver, Juan Costa Otamendi, in the head. It was believed to be the 11th political killing in the Basque country this year.

A man claiming to speak for the military wing of the separatist organization ETA (Basque homeland and liberty) later telephoned a local newspaper to say Otamendi had been killed. Police sources said a spent cartridge of a type used by ETA was found at the scene.

almost empty hotel room Thursday as he accused Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere of being an "African Tsar" whose "annexation" of Uganda has produced "anarchy and civil war."

After a three-month odyssey that took him from house arrest in his native country to refugee in the American suburbs, the man who ran war-ravaged Uganda for almost a year called for Tanzanian troop withdrawal and new elections. Binaisa said he would appeal to the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization to protest that Tanzania has "set out to subjugate" Uganda.

Unless Tanzania withdraws its military muscle and political influence from the Ugandan scene, Binaisa warned, Uganda could be plunged into another civil war bloodbath that might spill over into all of east Africa and threaten world peace. Only three journalists were in the conference room where the news conference was called when Binaisa, 61, arrived unceremoniously, accompanied by his wife, son, and two others.

He refused to say where he had been since he was reported in January to have fled Uganda for Kenya, but said he is in the United States as a private citizen and has not applied for political asylum. His son, Francis, reportedly lives in a suburb of New York.

Binaisa called for the immediate resignation of the entire Obote government and handing over of power to the Uganda National Front — which he says he chairs — followed by internationally supervised general elections and a peacekeeping force sponsored by members of the Organization of African Unity. Otherwise, he said, "there is no way to avert a civil war."



APEL-HAIG MEETING: West German Defense Minister Hans Apel (left) discusses NATO defense with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig at the State Department in Washington Wednesday.

5 Arab envoys protest Greek-Israeli contacts

ATHENS, March 27 (R) — Five Arab countries asked Greece Friday whether it intended to extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel, an authoritative source said here. The ambassadors of Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia called on Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis who said before the meeting he would explain Greece's attitude toward the Arabs and Israel.

The meeting followed the Greek government's refusal to hand back to Tripoli a Libyan air force pilot who deserted with his Soviet-built MiG-23 jet fighter last month and sought political asylum in Greece. Libyan oil supplies to Greece have since been delayed.

Press reports said the Arabs had also been angered by the visit of Greek Agriculture

Raid in Israel

Arab Americans to fight Zionist lawsuit

By Bob Lebling
and Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) plans an "extremely aggressive" defense against what it calls a "politically motivated" lawsuit charging the NAAA with active involvement in a 1978 "terrorist raid" in Israel, attorneys for the group said here.

The NAAA, a national organization serving the social and political interests of some two million Arab Americans, responded this week to the lawsuit filed in federal court here March 10 seeking almost \$1.5 billion in damages from the NAAA and four other defendants.

The lawsuit — filed as two separate complaints on behalf of 29 Israelis killed and 65 wounded in the 1978 raid — charges that the attack was planned, financed and carried out by Libya, the Palestine Liberation Organization, the NAAA, the Palestine Information Office in Washington, and the Palestine Congress of North America.

The raid in question was the seizure of two buses by Palestinian commandos north of Tel Aviv, which ended in a shootout between the commandos and Israeli security forces.

It is in answer to the lawsuit, filed with the court March 24, the NAAA denied any and all involvement with the incident, and charged that the suit was brought against the NAAA "maliciously" in an effort to discourage American groups and individuals from supporting the Arab position in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"We want the judge to understand that we take this very, very seriously," said Attorney Cherif Sedky of Hill, Christopher and Phillips, P.C., the law firm representing the NAAA.

NAAA President James F. Sams, in a statement to the press, described the naming of the NAAA defendant as "preposterous."

Sams said it was "difficult to imagine how any responsible person would bring such a lawsuit."

The NAAA does not know who initiated or is financing the lawsuit, which was filed by a Virginia law firm on behalf of survivors of the attack and the families of those who were killed. But the Arab-American organization is determined to find out. "This is going to be extremely complicated, expensive litigation," attorney Sedky told Arab

Iran jets 'violate' Kuwaiti air space

BEIRUT, March 27 (AP) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr summoned his field commanders to a war council on the battlefield with Iraq Thursday as Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat expressed optimism about prospects for a peaceful settlement.

A Kuwaiti newspaper claimed Iran's U.S.-made warplanes have again violated Kuwaiti air space during raids staged on Iraq's Soviet-built naval base overflying the Abdali checkpoint on the Kuwait-Iraq highway.

No official confirmation of the report by Al-Anbass newspaper was available. Iranian jets rocketed Abdali twice last November in what Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said was a warning to Arab nations of the Gulf against helping the Iraqi war effort. The November attacks raised fears the war, now in its seventh month, would spill over to other Gulf nations and threaten the outflow of oil to the West.

Tehran radio said Bani-Sadr presided over the war council at his secret battlefield headquarters in the southwestern oil province of Khuzestan for strategy consultations on the progress of the war, now in its 27th week.

Dollar, gold move up

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Mounting tension in Poland pushed both the dollar and gold generally higher in early trading Friday. "In a political crisis like this, the U.S. economy, the most self-sufficient in the world, looks the most attractive," said a foreign exchange dealer in Amsterdam explaining the rush to buy dollars.

Gold rose because the metal is a traditional hedge in times of political uncertainty. The British pound was worth \$2.2385 (\$2.2505). In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 211.4 yen, up from 209.45 Thursday. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 211.9 yen.

London's five billion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$547.25 a troy ounce, up from \$540.50 late Thursday. In Zurich, gold traded for \$549.50, up from \$535.50. In Hong Kong, gold rose \$15.36 to close at \$551.35. In New York Thursday gold finished at \$544.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Everyone must have heard by now of a certain friend and longtime associate of President Reagan, a Mr. Clark, who has been confirmed as a senior aide to Alexander Haig, secretary of state. Mr. Clark has entered history. It is certain, as the State Department's most innocent employee ever: innocent, that is, of the department's business which is, I advise him gratis, to deal with the country's foreign affairs.

Mr. Clark's innocence came to light as he answered most of the questions addressed to him by the congressional committee dealing with his case with firm "don't know's," "come again's," and "search me's." The performance was the more impressive for the questions being what anyone remotely interested in current affairs would know. Here was purity indeed. Here was a refreshing change from the know-it-alls and eggheads who are usually chosen for such jobs.

Some people — mainly the know-it-alls — professed to be shocked by the affair. But the majority was greatly impressed by the moral implication of the performance: Here was a truthful man at last, in world where the dividing line between politics and lies has long been crossed and recrossed. "At least he didn't lie to the committee," people were heard saying. "At least he didn't tell them that the prime minister of Zimbabwe was Jonas Savimbi. Imagine the confusion that would have created."

You can see the point of such a view of course. The trouble is if it is followed by politicians then "I don't know" will be the only word heard throughout the length and breadth of the land. You might as well teach a lot of parrots to say it instead and no one will know the difference. That clearly won't do, with unemployment being what it is nowadays.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

Mishap aids builders of N-reactors

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — The United States' worst nuclear power accident did more than raise public fears over atomic energy and stagger the utilities industry. It pumped billions of dollars into the pockets of those who design and build nuclear reactors and plants.

It did so, too, at a time when the nuclear manufacturing industry was looking ahead to a significant drop in business because few nuclear reactors were being ordered in this country and plans for others were being shelved. It is estimated that government orders and regulations springing from the near "meltdown" at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island plant two years ago Saturday could cost between \$20 million and \$70 million for each of the country's 70 operating nuclear plants.

While this provides income to manufacturers of reactors, and the architects, engineers, and others who build and equip nuclear plants, it does little for the finances of an already-ailing utilities industry that faces billions of dollars in other costs resulting from TMI.

And, eventually, all those costs will be passed on to the public in the form of higher electric bills. Since the accident at TMI reactor unit 2 began March 28, 1979 the nuclear regulatory commission has ordered dozens of changes to upgrade atomic power plants.

As the NRC worked to meet the safety concerns of an increasingly nervous public, it also delayed the opening of more than a dozen atomic plants. The industry's atomic forum has estimated the delay will add between \$500,000 and \$1 million a day to the cost of the plants involved. The total delay, it estimates, could be 90 months.

Robert Szalay, the forum's vice president for technical programs, said the estimate of costs directly related to NRC orders.

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have kept reporters away from him, but he gave an interview to one of his guards, which was published by the Barbados newspaper *The Nation*. He told the guard he wants to remarry his former wife, Charmian Biggs, who now lives in Melbourne, Australia, and "...I know that any newspaper will pay any amount of money to see me and Charmian get married again."

No matter what happens, Biggs said, "I will never spend 30 years in prison." He predicted he would get at least three months off of every prison year remaining as time off for good behavior. "I'll be in five years' time," he predicted. Meanwhile, John McKillop, one head of a British security firm that says it was paid to bring Biggs put on Brazil, left Barbados Thursday with the woman he married here last weekend. The couple was reportedly flying back to London, where a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the 35-year-old McKillop for failing to appear in court on an unrelated assault charge.

The motivation for the kidnapping has not yet been clearly established.

U.K. Spy

Hollis, who headed the agency for nine years from 1956 until his retirement in 1965, died in 1973. Pincher alleges that Hollis was investigated twice and may have been "the most damaging in history." Pincher said Hollis never cracked under questioning, but claimed his "answers to questions were regarded as unsatisfactory."

Although admitting that an inquiry into Hollis was carried out, Mrs. Thatcher said Pincher's account of its conclusions was "wrong."

Bomb

The indictment against Wiegand said that many of the victims had left the ghetto because of starvation. He is also accused of allowing the killing of more than 50 Jews at Treblinka concentration camp in occupied Poland.

Trial with Wiegand and Richard Von Coelln, 86, and Rolf Buescher, 71 both former police officers who served under him. They are accused of complicity in the murder of Warsaw Jews.

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